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Lansing, Wednesday, January 3, 1877.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, the Senate thereof, on this day, at 11 o'clock A. M., convened in the Senate Chamber, at Lansing, in said State, and was called to order by Hon. Alonzo Sessions, Lieutenant Governor, and President of the Senate.

The roll of Senators was called by James H. Stone, Secretary of the last Senate, when the following named Senators elect presented themselves, took and subscribed the oath prescribed by the Constitution, and entered upon the discharge of their duties as Senators:

From the 1st District—William Adair.

"	3d	"	—Matthew Markey.
"	4th	"	—John L. Burleigh.
"	5th	"	—Heman J. Redfield.
"	6th	"	—Roland B. C. Newcomb.
"	7th	"	—Michael Shoemaker.
"	8th	"	—William Cook.
"	9th	"	—Witter J. Baxter.
"	10th	"	—Franklin E. Morgan.
"	11th	"	—Gilbert E. Read.
"	12th	"	—William O. Packard.
"	13th	"	—William Chamberlain.
"	14th	"	—Wilson C. Edsell.
"	15th	"	—David R. Cook.
"	16th	"	—Porter K. Perrin.
"	17th	"	—Lorison J. Taylor.
"	18th	"	—Elliott R. Wilcox.
"	19th	"	—Francis H. Rankin.
"	20th	"	—William Jenney, Jr.
"	21st	"	—Crocket McElroy.
"	22d	"	—John C. Waterbury.
"	23d	"	—Dan P. Foote.
"	24th	"	—Franklin S. Freeman.
"	25th	"	—Wesley P. Andrus.
"	26th	"	—Charles D. Nelson.
"	27th	"	—Marsden C. Burch.
"	28th	"	—Charles H. Morse.
"	29th	"	—Columbus V. Tyler.
"	30th	"	—Fitch R. Williams.
"	31st	"	—Edward Breitung.
"	32d	"	—Reuben H. Osborn.

The roll was again called and the President announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate proceeded to the election of Secretary of the Senate, with the following result:

FOR JAMES H. STONE.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Read,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,		23

FOR GEORGE W. HOTCHKISS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Shoemaker,	Wilcox,	8

The President announced that James H. Stone, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Secretary of the Senate.

James H. Stone, Secretary of the Senate elect, came forward, took and subscribed the oath prescribed by the Constitution, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate proceeded to the election of Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk, with the following result:

FOR JOHN L. FRISBIE.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Wm. Cook.	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Read,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,		23

FOR A. W. HOVEY.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Shoemaker,	Wilcox,	8

The President announced that John L. Frisbie, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk of the Senate.

John L. Frisbie, Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk elect, came forward, took and subscribed the oath prescribed by the Constitution, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

The Senate proceeded to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, with the following result:

FOR CHARLES H. PERKINS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Read,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,		23

FOR MICHAEL FLEMING.

Mr. Adair, Burleigh,	Mr. Foote, Markey,	Mr. Redfield, Shoemaker,	Mr. Tyler, Wilcox,	8
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The President announced that Charles H. Perkins, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Sergeant-of-Arms of the Senate.

Charles H. Perkins, Sergeant-at-Arms elect, came forward, took and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate proceeded to the election of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, with the following result :

FOR MOSES B. HOUGHTON.

Mr. Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, Burch, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook,	Mr. Wm. Cook, Edsell, Freeman, Jenney, McElroy, Morgan,	Mr. Morse, Nelson, Newcomb, Osborn, Packard, Perrin,	Mr. Rankin, Read, Taylor, Waterbury, Williams,	23
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FOR HENRY STARKEY.

Mr. Adair, Burleigh,	Mr. Foote, Markey,	Mr. Redfield, Shoemaker,	Mr. Tyler, Wilcox,	8
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The President announced that Moses B. Houghton, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

Moses B. Houghton, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms elect, came forward, took and subscribed the oath prescribed by the Constitution, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

Mr. Cook offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized to appoint an Assistant Secretary,
Which was adopted.

Mr. Perrin offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the House concurring), That Edgar S. Porter of the county of Ingham, be appointed Postmaster of the House and Senate, to distribute all mail matter belonging to members of the House and Senate, and that he receive a compensation therefor of three dollars per day.

Mr. Taylor called for the yeas and nays.

The resolution was adopted, by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, Burleigh, Burch, Chamberlain,	Mr. D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook, Edsell, Foote, Freeman, Jenney, Markey,	Mr. McElroy, Morgan, Newcomb, Osborn, Packard, Perrin, Rankin,	Mr. Read, Redfield, Shoemaker, Tyler, Waterbury, Wilcox, Williams,	28
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NAYS.

Mr. Morse,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Taylor,	3
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Mr. Baxter offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the engrossing and enrolling clerk be authorized to appoint an assistant when in his opinion the duties of the office require it; and that he report such appointment to the Senate;

Which resolution was adopted.

Mr. Baxter moved that the rules of the last Senate be adopted as the rules of the present Senate until otherwise ordered by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Wilcox offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the rules in joint convention, of the last Legislature be and are hereby adopted as the rules of the present Senate and House until otherwise ordered;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wm. Cook offered the following :

Resolved, That each Senator be allowed the sum of five dollars for stationery during the session, and also that the Committee of Supplies and Expenditures be required to furnish the President of the Senate, Secretary, Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks, and the chairmen of all committees such stationery as shall be reasonable and necessary for their use.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Tyler offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the daily sessions of the Senate commence at 10 o'clock until otherwise ordered.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Burleigh offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President appoint five messengers, one for himself and four for the Senate, also a janitor, and that the Secretary be authorized to appoint one messenger;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Tyler offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to invite the resident clergymen of the city to open the daily sessions of the Senate with religious exercises,

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

Mr. Adair announced that Hon. Theodore H. Hinchman, Senator elect from the Second Senatorial District, was present and prepared to take his seat.

Mr. Hinchman came forward, took and subscribed the oath prescribed by the Constitution and took his seat as Senator.

Mr. Edsell offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the House concurring), That the State printer be instructed to forward one copy of the daily Journal to each daily and weekly newspaper pub-

lished in this State, and also to State officers and members of State commissions, to Circuit and Supreme Judges, and the county clerks in this State, and also to the resident clergymen of Lansing;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Nelson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, instructed to order 500 copies of the daily Journals for the use of the Senate;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That Allen L. Bours be, and is hereby appointed to compile and publish, without delay, under the direction of the committees on printing in the two houses, the usual number of Manuals, for the use of this and the next Legislature, at a price not to exceed the sum paid for compiling the last Manual.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reed moved that the Senate take a recess for half an hour.

Mr. Burleigh moved as an amendment that the Senate take a recess until 3½ o'clock P. M.;

Which was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, then prevailed, and the Senate took a recess until 3½ o'clock P. M.

3 1-2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced a committee from the House of Representatives who informed the Senate that the House was organized and ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Foote offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by the President to wait upon the House of Representatives and inform that body that the Senate has completed its organization and is ready to proceed to business;

Which was adopted.

The President announced as such committee Senators Foote and Edsell.

After a brief absence the committee returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Baxter moved that a committee of two be appointed by the President to act with a like committee on the part of the House to wait on the retiring Governor and the Governor, and inform them that the two Houses are now organized and ready to receive any communication they may be pleased to make;

Which motion prevailed.

The President announced as such committee Senators Baxter and Burleigh.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 3, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has

appointed Messrs. Wood and Robbins a committee to act with the committee of the Senate already appointed, to wait on the retiring Governor and the Governor, and inform them that the two Houses are duly organized and ready to receive any communications they may be pleased to make.

Very respectfully,

D. L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

The committee appointed on the part of the Senate to act with a like committee on the part of the House, to wait upon the retiring Governor and the Governor and inform them that the two Houses are now organized and ready to receive any communication they may be pleased to make, returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the retiring Governor would be ready to communicate with the two Houses Thursday morning, at 10½ o'clock, and that the Governor would be ready to communicate with the two Houses at the same hour on the succeeding day.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Wm. Cook offered the following resolution:

Resolved, The House concurring, that the Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint convention in Representative Hall, to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock, to listen to such communication as the retiring Governor may be pleased to make.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, January 4, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

APPOINTMENTS.

The President announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, Jan. 4, 1877. }

In pursuance of a resolution of the Senate, I hereby make the following appointments:

Janitor—Barnhardt Rice of Saginaw.

President's Messenger—Charles M. Rice of Saginaw.

Messengers—Victor Barry, of Monroe; Clayton Read, of Kalamazoo; Moses A. Chamberlain, of Berrien.

ALONZO SESSIONS,
President of the Senate.

The President also announced the following:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, January 4, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—Pursuant to a resolution of the Senate, I have appointed Henry S. Holden, Secretary's Messenger.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES H. STONE,
Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 4, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following:
Resolved by the Senate, (the House concurring), That the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the rules in joint convention of the last Legislature be, and are hereby adopted as the rules of the present Senate and House until otherwise ordered.

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,
DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 4, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following:
Resolved (the House concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint convention to-morrow, at 10½ o'clock, to listen to such communication as the retiring Governor may be pleased to make;

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,
DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Freeman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That rule 18 of the Rules of the Senate be amended so as to provide for an additional committee to be known as the committee on "The State House of Correction;"

Which was adopted, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That rule 18 be amended so that the committees on Judiciary, and Appropriation and Finance shall consist of five members each ;

Which was adopted, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

Mr. Foote offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Rule 33 be amended by inserting the words "and shall be" after the word "member," and before the word "delivered" in the 4th line, as printed in the manual.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the resolution was laid on the table.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced a Committee from the House, who informed the Senate that the House was in readiness to receive the Senate in joint convention, to hear the message of the retiring Governor.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives to meet the House in joint convention.

[For proceedings of joint convention, see House Journal.]

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber, and was called to order by the President.

Roll called ; a quorum present.

The President announced that the Senate had met the House in joint convention, and had heard the message of the retiring Governor, Hon. John J. Bagley.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 4, 1876. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the accompanying message of the retiring Governor, Hon. John J. Bagley, delivered this day to the two Houses in joint convention.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message is as follows :

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES:—

On the 26th day of the present month Michigan will have reached her fortieth birthday. Neither pen nor pencil can fitly describe the transforming miracles that each succeeding year has witnessed ; forest to field—marsh to meadow—openings to orchards—hut to home, have followed one another in quick succession.

Standing to day in the midst of this abundant prosperity, with pardonable pride we repeat the prophetic motto which our fathers gave us,—"*Si quæris peninsulam amoenam, circumspice.*" An empire in extent, with natural resources that seem almost inexhaustible, with means of transportation by land and water unequalled on the globe ; a soil that "tickled with a hoe, laughs with a harvest ;" dotted all over with happy homes ; schools and institutions of learning with open doors for all ; the ills that afflict humanity liberally and kindly cared for ; with a history that tells of no gallows ever having been erected

in our borders; no slave having ever trod our soil; no treason attainted any citizen; all this is our inheritance, ours to preserve and to increase.

The charitable, educational, and penal institutions of the State are valued at \$3,910,500, divided as follows:

University.....	\$483,500 00
Agricultural College.....	252,300 00
Normal School.....	62,700 00
State Public School.....	153,380 00
Institution for Deaf, Dumb and Blind.....	438,000 00
Michigan Insane Asylum.....	1,405,280 00
Eastern Insane Asylum.....	220,000 00
Reform School.....	245,340 00
House of Correction at Ionia.....	111,000 00
State Prison.....	539,000 00

There are one hundred and five chartered banks in the State with a capital of \$16,573,300, and individual deposits of \$18,357,875.

The State Salt Inspector reports 2,544,594 barrels of salt inspected for the years '75 and '76, an increase of 694,269 barrels over the two preceding years.

The production of iron ore for 1876 was 967,000 tons; of ingot copper, 18,000 tons, representing an aggregate value of \$11,000,000.

FINANCES.

The balance in the Treasury Sept. 30, 1874, was.....	\$1,070,274 32
Receipts for year ending Sept. 30, 1875.....	2,208,929 55
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	\$3,279,203 87
Disbursements for same time.....	2,050,097 37
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Balance in Treasury Sept. 30, 1875.....	\$1,229,106 50
Receipts for year ending Sept. 30, 1876.....	1,744,406 29
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	\$2,973,512 79
Disbursements for same time.....	1,909,507 49
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Balance in Treasury Sept. 30, 1876.....	\$1,064,005 30
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Of this balance there belongs to the	
Sinking Fund.....	\$ 415,407 47
Military Fund.....	27,111 78
Primary School Interest Fund.....	80,457 31
Canal Fund.....	54,611 54
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	\$557,588 10
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The bonded debt of the State has been reduced during the year ending Sept. 30, 1876, \$53,000.00, and during the four years ending September 30, 1876, \$851,142.81.

Of this amount, \$389,142.81 were matured bonds, and \$462,000.00 were unmatured and paid in advance. A premium of \$6,043.45 was paid for \$151,000.00 of these bonds,—an average of about 4 per cent. The disbursements over and above receipts for interest in 1873 were \$82,706.52, and in 1876 \$21,885.98. The bonded debt of the State, Sept. 30, 1876, was \$1,392,142.97, divided as follows:

Sault Canal Bonds, 6's, due July 1, 1879	\$46,000 00
Renewal Loan Bonds, 6's, due July 1, 1878	101,000 00
Two-Million Loan Bonds, 6's, due January 1, 1878	244,000 00
Two-Million Loan Bonds, 6's, due January 1, 1883	629,000 00
War Bounty Loan Bonds, 7's, due May 1, 1890	357,000 00
Adjusted Bonds, due January 1, 1863	3,000 00
\$21,000.00 Part-paid Five-Million Loan Bonds, adjustable at \$578.57 per \$1,000	12,149 97

The cash in the Treasury set apart for the payment of the Bonded Debt is as follows:

Sinking Fund	\$415,407 47
Canal Fund	54,611 54
Balance from sale of Two-Million Loan Bonds to pay adjusted and Five-Million Loan Bonds	15,149 97
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	\$485,168 98

Which leaves the total Bonded Debt of the State, less cash in the Treasury, applicable to its payment, \$906,980.99.

In addition to this there was remaining unpaid of specific taxes September 30, 1876, on call, \$290,499.33, which when collected will add that amount to the Sinking Fund, and leave the State debt, less fund applicable to its payment, only \$616,000.00.

The State Treasurer has been diligent in his endeavors to purchase the bonds of the State, having personally visited many holders, and offering premiums to the full amount of the interest received by the State from its depositories, but with limited success.

The Trust Debt of the State is composed of the following funds and amounts:

Primary School Fund	\$2,259,282 01
Five per cent Primary School Fund	299,676 59
University Fund	344,855 78
Agricultural College Fund	118,827 68
Normal School Fund	53,301 32
Railroad and other deposits	3,403 33
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Total	\$3,079,346 71

An increase in two years of \$135,584.34.

SINKING FUND.

This fund is created by the Constitution, Sec. 1, Art. XIV., as follows: "*All specific taxes, except those received from the mining companies of the Upper Peninsula, shall be applied in paying the interest upon the primary school, university, and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the state debt in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the state debt, other than the amounts due to the educational funds, when such specific taxes shall be added to, and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund.*"

The increase in specific taxes, and the rapid extinguishment of the bonded debt will soon leave, under this provision, a large balance of specific taxes that can *only* be used in the support of the primary schools. I can see no reason why specific taxes should go for the support of schools, that would not apply to any other tax, and I believe our schools would soon be ruined if they were supported by state taxation alone. The people need to watch the schools and their management,—if they pay for them they will, if they do not they will soon lose their interest in them. I would not advise the discontinuance of the Sinking Fund, as we should put beyond the control of any power whatever the question of the faithful payment of the public debt, and the interest on the educational trust funds in the hands of the state; but I recommend the submission of an amendment to the Constitution striking out the clause directing that the balance of specific taxes shall be placed in the School Fund, and insert in its stead that it may be used for the ordinary expenses of the state. Should this proposition meet your approval and that of the people, it will soon reduce general taxation quite largely, and equalize the burden of governmental expenses. Practically out of debt—in all new undertakings paying as we go—meeting every demand of duty and charity cheerfully and promptly—this exhibit of our financial affairs can not be other than gratifying to every citizen.

The repeal of sec. 124 compiled laws, commonly known as the "five-year law," will work seriously to the disadvantage of the state.

The state is obliged to advance to the counties all the taxes of every nature returned to the Auditor General's office as delinquent, as soon as the period of redemption expires. The result is that a county may make any sort of assessment as to value, or neglect to collect its taxes with impunity.

Worthless lands can be assessed at high prices—taxed for township, school, or highway purposes, and the state is bound to pay it.

The amount that the state will be obliged to advance as e what now stands, without recourse upon the county for any part of the loss, in case of failure to collect, will be from seventy thousand to eighty thousand dollars per annum, with a probable continual increase.

The amount of unsold state tax lands (*i. e.* lands struck to state at tax sales on which no money has been collected, but for which the counties have been paid by the state for the taxes returned thereon) for the past five years is as follows:

Oct., 1872, \$618,167.87.

Oct., 1873, \$683,414.62. Increase of \$65,246.75 over 1872.

Oct., 1874, \$790,112.97. Increase of \$6,698.35 over 1873.

Oct., 1875, \$1,146,879.11. Increase of \$356,766.14 over 1874.

Oct., 1876, \$1,462,977.61. Increase of \$316,098.50 over 1875.

The extraordinary increase in the last two years proves very clearly that it will be necessary at an early day to re-enact something similar to the old law,

with some additional safe guards which that did not contain. If the system is to remain as it now is it will deplete the treasury rapidly.

Of the appropriation made in 1873 for "corner stone" celebration, \$2,478.69 remains undrawn. The appropriation made in 1867 of \$2,500 for "history of campaigns" has not been used. The State Treasurer should be authorized transfer these appropriations to the general fund.

STATE LANDS AND ROADS.

For the two years ending Sept. 30, 1876, the sales of State lands have been 191,354.89 acres for the sum of \$283,928.56, being a decrease, as compared with the two previous years, of 359,433.66 acres, and \$412,232.54 in receipts, showing a large reduction in the revenues of the State from this source.*

The lands belonging to the State at the close of the fiscal year are 3,073,-239.91 acres, classified as follows:

Primary School.....	369,919.13
Primary School Indemnity.....	49,178.39
Primary School Forfeited.....	25,699.11
Agricultural College.....	162,400.84
Agricultural College Forfeited.....	2,398.40
Salt Spring Land.....	1,315.63
Salt Spring Forfeited.....	280.00
Asylum.....	680.00
Asylum Forfeited.....	1,080.00
University.....	200.00
University Forfeited.....	98.25
Normal School Forfeited.....	160.00
Internal Improvement.....	380.31
Asset.....	3,850.90
Swamp Land.....	2,405,017.93
Swamp Indemnity.....	46,713.12
Swamp Forfeited.....	3,868.00

* During the two years ending September 30, 1876, 191,354.89 acres of State Lands were disposed of, as follows:

	Acres.	Dollars.
<i>Original for Cash or Part-Payments.</i>		
Primary School Land.....	10,839.88	\$39,644 17
University (Niles city lots).....	-----	150 00
Asset Land.....	710.00	4,675 25
Agricultural College Land.....	6,752.72	20,886 16
Swamp Lands.....	15,070.77	18,908 92
Being.....	32,873.37	\$84,177 50
Patented for Roads and Ditches.....	187,174.99	175,176 41
Total Original Sales.....	170,048.86	\$259,353 91
<i>Sales of Forfeited Land.</i>		
Primary School Land.....	4,432.63	\$18,325 48
Agricultural College Land.....	580.00	2,400 00
Asylum Land.....	80.00	470 00
Salt Spring Land.....	40.00	160 00
Normal School Land.....	80.00	390 00
State Building (Lansing city lots).....	-----	75 00
Swamp Lands.....	3,361.83	2,924 17
Total sales of Forfeited Land.....	5,554.45	\$24,574 65
Total Sales.....	175,603.31	\$283,928 56
Patented to Settlers under Homestead Act.....	12,752.08	-----
Total amount of Land disposed of.....	191,354.89	-----

The large amount of forfeited lands in this list, amounting to over 33,000 acres, are mostly lands that have been bought on time, stripped of their timber, and then forfeited, resulting in great loss to the State and to the counties. This, with the losses accruing in the same way, on licensed homestead lands, induced the Commissioner and myself to endeavor in some way, to put a stop to it, and to recover for the State some of the moneys lost by it.

For this purpose we appointed D. J. Evans as Trespass Agent, and authorized him to make proper investigations and settlements, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Land Office. He has collected and paid into the Treasury in three years, the net sum of \$29,390.94 over and above expenses. The legislation of 1873 and 1875, if aided by care on the part of the Land Office, ought to prevent future frauds on the school lands of the State,—but the system of licensed homesteads, leaves an open door for similar frauds on homestead lands,—and there will undoubtedly be a demand for the services of a Trespass Agent for some time to come. The appointment heretofore made was not in compliance with any express law, but the results show its importance and necessity. I fully concur in the recommendation of the Commissioner, that a law be enacted providing for such appointment, to be discontinued at the discretion of the Governor. I desire to call your especial attention to the report of the Commissioner and Trespass Agent, and to the recommendations contained therein.

Under Joint Resolution No. 15, Laws of 1873, I have received from the General Government \$18,257.59, collected at an expense of \$1,056.67.

The amount of swamp land roads and ditches constructed during the past two years, has been 84½ miles, at a cost of \$103,352.36,—being a decrease over the preceding two years of 213 miles, and of \$311,000.00 in expenditures. After an experience with the State road and ditch system of four years, I cannot refrain from expressing my convictions that it is a wasteful and extravagant expenditure of our swamp lands, and that some better plan should be devised to take its place.

The school lands on the copper and iron range have been examined, and those on the copper range have been appraised, and are now subject to entry and purchase.

The plats of all State lands are now on file in the office of the Secretary of State, in accordance with law. During the administration of the retiring Commissioner, the plats have been copied and the records of the office written up, the lands of the State have been carefully husbanded, and much important legislation suggested, protecting the interests of the State.

EDUCATION.

The school census of 1876 reports 457,785 children of school age, of whom 343,947 were enrolled; an increase in two years of 21,680 in the whole number, and of 17,805 in the enrolled number.

There are 5,917 school-houses in the State with 419,662 sittings; being 75,715 more than the enrollment. The value of school buildings and grounds is \$9,-382,270.00; total expenditure for the year, \$4,128,707.00. Indebtedness of school districts \$1,674,175.00; an increase in two years of \$499,045.00. Number of teachers, 12,900. Primary School Fund held in trust by the State Sept. 30, 1876, \$3,147,917.73, producing an annual income of \$214,360.83.

The statistics given herewith denote an annual public expenditure of \$5,000,-000.00 for education by the people of this State. We have provided schools

not only for our own families, but for the unfortunate and criminal children. The log school-house and the stately University share equally our solicitude and care. We have special colleges for the farmer, schools in which to fit teachers, schools for the professional student, and for one or two technical pursuits. We seem to recognize in all its fullness the truth of the old proverb, "the breath of the school-children is the saving of the world."

Yet with all this, there are many thoughtful citizens who ask themselves the question: "Are we doing our educational work in the best way, are our schools all they ought to be, do they help our children as much as they should in the practical things of life and fit them to be productive, self-helping citizens?" In times of financial depression like the present, when we fully realize that the only way up and out is through the productive industry of the people, the question is a pertinent one. The army of children who yearly come out from our schools are to recruit the ranks of the industrious or the idle. That the natural tendency is towards the former we do know, and our system of education ought therefore to be an efficient help in that direction.

We need to give this subject our earnest attention, to care more for the depth and breadth of our education than we do for the height of our school-house tower; to pursue the substance and neglect the shadow; to make our schools the laboratory in which men are made. Idleness is the cause of more misery and crime than all else beside,—of 889 men in the State Prison in 1875, 793 had never been apprenticed, and of 334 received in 1876, 17 only had ever been apprenticed. If our education is not made more practical the ranks of the idle will constantly increase, not from choice, but simply because they have no knowledge of how to do anything well.

Our high and graded schools need to provide more technical instruction at once. If it is the province of legislation to direct or control in this matter, I ask your thoughtful attention to the subject.

The educators of Europe are pointing their energies in this direction. In this connection I desire to call your attention to the Special Report of Rev. D. C. Jacokes, who had charge of our educational department at the Centennial Exposition, upon this subject, gathered from what he saw there of other systems and other countries.

Give to our special schools, to the University, to our common schools every possible assistance in this work that can consistently be given with a due regard to economy.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

This department of our system of education is steadily improving. The attendance for 1874, was 486; for 1875, 630; for 1876, 722. The graduating class in 1876 numbered 79. Over 6,000 students have attended this institution since its opening in 1853. The condition of its funds, at the close of the fiscal year was as follows:

Due from purchasers of lands @ 7 %-----	\$16,229 72
Trust Funds in Treasury drawing interest @ 6 %-----	53,301 32
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The estimated disbursements for each of the years 1877 and 1878 are: for salaries of teachers, \$20,100.00; for library and apparatus, \$900.00; for repairs, \$1,000.00; other expenses, \$2,900.00. The receipts from interest and tuition are estimated at \$6,600.00 per annum, leaving a deficiency of \$18,300.00 for each year to be provided for by taxation. The State Board of Education, in view of the crowded condition of the school, ask an appropriation of \$50,000.00 for an additional building. They have submitted no plan or estimates, but it seems to me that a smaller amount than this would build a very commodious and suitable structure. It is due to the management of the school to say that it has been very modest in its requests in the past, and very prudent and economical in the expenditure of its appropriations.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The management of the finances of the college for the past two years, has been careful and prudent. It is out of debt, and I hope will keep out. The board submit a very careful detailed estimate of receipts and expenditures for the coming two years. They estimate the current expenses at \$30,077.00 per annum, and the receipts from interest and other sources at \$21,840.00. Leaving a deficiency of \$16,474.00 for the two years. They also submit a statement of wants for repairs, new buildings, improvements, library, etc., amounting to \$20,062.00, making a total of \$36,536.00, for which sum they ask an appropriation. The amount appropriated in 1875 was \$29,787.00. Since this estimate was made, the old Boarding Hall at the college has been destroyed by fire, and a new one will need to be erected at once. The accommodations for the increasing number of students, even with this hall, have been limited, and a new one would have become necessary within two years, at least. It is proposed, in the erection of a new building, to construct it large enough to accommodate 120 students. The estimate of its cost is \$15,000.00, and I recommend an immediate appropriation of this amount, so that work may be commenced at once and the building be ready for the spring term. In view of the necessity of this appropriation, I recommend that the items in the estimate of the Board, for construction of buildings and gas works for the chemical department be stricken out, reducing the estimate \$9,265.00, and making a total appropriation, including that for the new Hall, of \$42,271.00. The Board agree with me in this recommendation, though all the items proposed to be omitted are much needed.

The college Fund, Sept. 30, 1876, was as follows: Trust fund in State Treasury, \$118,827.68; due from purchasers of land, \$111,334.65: all drawing interest at 7 per cent. Unsold lands belonging to college at same date, 164,799 acres. The number of students in 1875, 156; in 1876, 166,—an increase over the preceding two years of 58. Graduates in 1875—6, 33; in 1873—4, 36. Inventory of property, \$252,268.00, an increase in two years of \$20,860.00. I am satisfied that the college is in better condition, and doing better work than ever before. It is not only educating the students under its roof, but the President and Faculty through a system of Farmers' Institutes held throughout the State, are enlisting the good will and sympathy of the people. If it teaches labor, if it impresses upon our youth the dignity and honor of labor, its establishment will prove a success; if not, it will be a failure.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Each succeeding year opens to the University new fields of labor—increasing demands upon its resources—and stronger claims upon our consideration.

The number of students in 1875 was 1,193; in 1876, 1,127. Degrees conferred in 1875, 370; in 1876, 410.

Its resources are—

Trust funds in the hand of the State	\$344,855 78
Due from purchasers of land.....	102,693 81
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Drawing interest at 7 per cent.....	\$447,549 59
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The Legislature of 1875, establishing a School of Mines, a Chair of Architecture and Design, and of Dental Surgery, has already accomplished more than its most earnest advocates anticipated. The Dental School has so many students that an additional professor is needed. The class in Mining, Architecture and Design numbers 25. An impetus has been given to technical education that must in time be of great practical value to the State. The appropriations for these new branches made in 1875 were for two years only. Their success demands their renewal, with an addition of \$2,000.00 for another professor in the Dental School.

The Board of Regents desire to further increase the usefulness of the University in this direction, and to this end suggest the creation of a chair in Physics and Geology. The amount required to do this will be \$5,000.00 annually for the salaries of two professors, and \$2,500.00 for apparatus for physical and physiological laboratory.

Were the times more auspicious, and other demands not so pressing, the Regents would earnestly urge upon you the necessity of a new Library building; they now suggest it only. The University has outgrown the present building. There is not room in it for reading purposes or for books. The Library is so important an element in the success of the University, important as an aid in educational work, important in its governing power over a body of students in furnishing mental recreation, that I beg to commend the suggestion of the Regents to your consideration. Our University occupies a position in the front rank of educational institutions, it is giving to Michigan a reputation all over the world, it is drawing hundreds of families to the State yearly, as permanent residents, and we ought to foster it in all ways, not with extravagance, but with persistence, economy and care.

EASTERN ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

Work was begun upon this building in 1875, by Messrs. Coots and Topping, who were the lowest bidders, for the sum of \$306,384.00, and has progressed very favorably up to this time. The brick and stone work is completed and the roof nearly finished. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by February 1st, 1878. The plans were prepared by E. E. Myers, architect. Dr. Van Deusen gave us the benefit of his large experience in the general internal plan and arrangements. The style of architecture is that known as Norman, and the building will be one of the best for the purpose in the country. The contractors have performed their work very satisfactorily to the Board, under the faithful superintendence of C. M. Wells.

Very full details of all the expenditures will be found in the report of the Board and Superintendent. Estimates have been made by the Board for furnishing the Asylum ready for occupancy, amounting to \$109,708.00. It is estimated that there will be remaining \$27,830.00 from the building fund, leaving the sum of \$81,950.00, for which the Board ask your appropriation. These estimates have been very carefully prepared in detail, and I judge with a due regard for economy and simplicity. I recommend an appropriation of the amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, divided equally in the tax roll of 1878 and 1879.

As this Asylum will be ready for the reception of patients before another meeting of the Legislature, it will also be your duty to provide for its maintenance, management, and government. The present law only applies to the Asylum at Kalamazoo.

MICHIGAN ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

The completion of the new department has enabled this institution to extend its kindly care to every new applicant. The number of inmates Sept. 30, 1874, was 481; Sept. 30, 1876, 618. The total number treated in the past two years was 1,016, an increase of 45 per cent. over the preceding biennial period. The weekly expenses for each patient for the two years ending Sept. 30, 1876, was \$4.87, a decrease of forty-five cents from the two previous years.

The Board of Trustees ask special appropriations to be expended in 1877-8 as follows:

For erection of three detached buildings,—male department,—for shops, recreation room, etc.....	\$23,000 00
For extraordinary repairs and renewals.....	2,000 00
New washing machine.....	300 00
Woven wire mattresses.....	2,500 00
For new floor in basement,—female department.....	700 00
Deficiency in appropriation for connecting building and stone flags —female department.....	289 96
Deficiency in appropriation of 1875 for rebuilding laundry, boiler house, new boiler, etc.....	3,900 00
Deficiency in amount appropriated for laundry apparatus.....	307 41
Addition to appropriation already made for stone porches.....	3,800 00
ce house, new vegetable cellar, and other small items.....	2,202 63
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All of these requests are for necessary objects, some of them absolutely so. In view of the necessary expenditures in furnishing the new asylum at Pontiac, it may be wise to defer the building of the porches for the present, though they are really needed; and the erection of one of the three proposed buildings should perhaps be postponed. The balance of the items asked for are imperatively necessary, and in my opinion should be granted.

The usual annual appropriation of \$17,500.00, for deficiency in current expenses, will also be required. The report of the Superintendent and Board is very full in its details and replete with information on the subject of the

treatment of the insane. I need not ask for this institution your generous consideration, as its work is its ablest advocate.

The Report of the Superintendents of the Poor gives 1,006 as the total number of insane in the State in 1875. The number in 1876 is 1,193. As this estimate includes those in a private asylum in Wayne county, and a few that are more properly imbeciles, it is the opinion of Dr. Van Deusen that the real number is between ten and eleven hundred.

The completion of the Insane Asylum at Pontiac, will enable us to provide suitable care in State Asylums, for every one of these; and I trust its opening may be celebrated by the immediate transfer from our county-houses and jails of *all* their insane occupants to their sheltering care. I earnestly urge legislation to this end, and to provide further, that so long as the two asylums have room, no insane person—not a criminal—shall hereafter be placed in any poor-house or county asylum, jail or prison. Every consideration of humanity and of real economy, demand this, and I feel assured that no argument need be made or statistics shown to ensure the passage of such a law.

The liberal provision made for the care of the insane shows that the State has indeed adopted them as its wards. The expense to the counties for the care of the indigent insane is a very heavy burden, though borne as a rule cheerfully and willingly. Would it not be well to provide that after an indigent insane patient has been cared for at the expense of the county for three years, they shall thereafter become a State charge? I am of the opinion that such a provision of law would be wise and proper, and productive of great good to people and patient.

STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

This wisest of our state charities, presents its budget of work and wants in the biennial reports of its managers.

Since its opening 412 children have been received, mostly from the poor-houses of the state. The average age of its inmates is nine years. Homes have been found for 117 of these children, and 255 were remaining Sept. 30, 1876, being all that can be cared for. The current expenses for the year were \$27,612.51, an average of \$126.66 for each child. When it is remembered that this institution is not a permanent home, but only a door-way to home for the houseless, homeless, poor-house children of the state, and that while under its care they must be clothed, fed, and educated, it will be seen that the expenditure per capita is very slight. From its first opening up to the present time, it has been most economically conducted. The board estimate the current expenses at \$33,000.00 per annum, and they ask for this and other purposes the sum of \$90,000.00 for the ensuing two years. Of this sum \$5,000 is for deficit account, on the erection of the new cottages and the construction of a new sewer. The necessity of these expenditures was submitted to me, and they seemed of such absolute importance to the health of the school, that I cordially approved of them, though creating an indebtedness.

In the estimates of the board \$1,000 is asked for the purpose of paying the expenses of an agent in finding homes for the children. As a similar appropriation is asked for elsewhere, I recommend that this item be stricken out and that the balance asked for, viz., \$89,000, be granted. It must be borne in mind that these children, for whom this appropriation is asked, if not under the sheltering care of this institution, would be in the poor-houses of the state, so

that the money expended from the state treasury is so much saved to the counties. The state public school is in no sense a penal institution, or a hospital. It is only designed for neglected and dependent children of sound mind and body and free from criminal taint—yet some others will unavoidably find their way into it. Though fully deserving its care and benefit, they should not be kept in the school, owing to their influence upon the rest. The board should be given power, under careful restrictions, to return to the counties idiotic and permanently diseased children. There are a very few such children now in the school, who can acquire no good for themselves by remaining, and whose presence is injurious to their more fortunate comrades. I commend this institution to your consideration as one of the means that will by and by save you the expense of another prison; as an institution that will, in time, make other institutions unnecessary—provided that the underlying idea of its founders, viz.: that it is only a temporary home, be always kept in mind.

THE REFORM SCHOOL.

I desire to call your especial attention to the reports of this Institution for 1875 and 1876. "After many days" it is now a Reform School,—the bars and iron doors have disappeared,—the high fence that walled it in is kindling wood. And the results are,—no corporal punishment, no escapes since its opening, less destruction of State property, a general tone of comfort and cheerfulness in all its surroundings, and a brighter, better look in the faces of the boys. The general outfit of the School is greatly improved. The table and furnishing, the clothing, etc., are better than heretofore, and all tend towards lifting this Institution out of the prison mire, and on to the higher plane of a school. The expenses for the two years ending September 30, 1876, have been \$61,773.46 besides the amount received for the labor of the boys and other sources. Of this amount, \$17,688.46 has been expended under special appropriations, made in 1873 and 1875, and \$44,084.00 for current expenses.

All the buildings are now lighted with gas, a new boiler and oven has been put in; a new fence, wood-shed, and play-shed erected; the main building thoroughly repaired and painted inside and out, and roofed with tin; a water-tower and tank have been built, with iron piping through the grounds and building, with six fire hydrants; a large number of fruit trees and vines have been planted, and many other permanent improvements made. There is room for one hundred more inmates than it now contains, and I can see no necessity for further expenditures in buildings or permanent improvements for many years to come. The Board ask appropriations of \$25,000.00 per annum for the years 1877 and 1878 for current expenses, \$2,500 for each year for repairs and improvements, and \$500 each year for the library. I am of the opinion that, with the increasing productive capacity of the farm, and in view of the fact that the buildings and grounds are now in complete repair, that the amount asked for repairs is not needed, and that \$26,000 per annum is amply sufficient for current expenses, including repairs and improvements of every nature. The amount asked for the library is none too large.

The average number in the school for 1875 was 241, for 1876 230; average age of boys when received, 13½ years.

The receipts from the labor of the boys have decreased very largely, and the outlook for remunerative employment in the future is discouraging. The only mechanical labor now being done is chair-bottoming, and this at very low prices.

It is of no advantage to the boys when they go out, as it is a business not carried on outside of penal institutions, and would not support them if it were. The Board, Superintendent, and myself have given earnest thought and much time to the subject of employment that would teach the boys some useful trade, and at the same time add to our revenues, but without success. In the present depressed condition of our manufacturing industries, there seems to be nothing better than the work the boys are now doing. The farm work is successful in a pecuniary point of view and highly beneficial in every other way, and with the additions that have been made to the fruit trees and vines, the Board hope soon to realize an increased revenue from this source.

The Board of Control again ask that the law, authorizing commitments to the school, may be amended so that boys of eight years, instead of ten, may be received from parents without commitment. I have given my views upon this subject elsewhere. They also ask that the limit of detention may be changed from 21 years to 18, and I earnestly hope this may be done. If a school does not fit a boy to go out at 18, it never will. If he is not fit to go then, he is not fit to stay and demoralize two or three hundred younger boys. If at 18 a boy after years of instruction and care, of restraint and discipline, still has his face turned the wrong way, it would seem as if the State charity must cease and let justice take its place. The history of the Reform School shows that there are a few such boys, and it shows further that they have been of great damage to their comrades of more tender years. I bespeak for this subject your earnest consideration.

In the provision made by the State, regarding vagrant, neglected and dependent children, though the State Public School, and for criminal children through the Reform School, it has followed the old idea of institutional life; but by far the wisest, most economical, natural, and humane of all its endeavors in this direction is the work being done by the County Agents of the State Board of Charities, under the law of 1873 and 1875. The duties of the County Agents are: to investigate the case of every child arrested for crime, and to advise with the magistrate as to the disposition to be made of it, to visit all children adopted or indentured from the Public or Reform School, to procure homes for children, and generally to keep watch and ward over these waifs who seem to be deserted by every one but the State. They have attended to 252 cases of arrests for crime,—224 boys and 28 girls,—that were disposed of as follows: 182 were discharged under suspended sentence and returned to parents or guardians, 57 were sent to the Reform School, 11 were sent to the House of Correction, and two were fined. The average age of children arrested was twelve and three-fourths years,—86 are reported as having lost father, and 57 as having no mother. Of the 182 discharged, twelve were sent to the State Public School, six to poor-houses, and homes were found for six. The children for whom homes were found from the State Public School, 117 in number, have all been visited, and their situation reported upon to the School. The total expense of this work up to Sept. 30, 1876, was \$474.45. In addition to these formal duties required by law, they have been of incalculable service in preventing crime, preserving peace in families, restraining cruelty, and in many other ways. If the work of these agents was to be estimated by simply dollars and cents, the amount of money saved the State, by keeping boys out of institutions, would be found to be very large.

A boy at the Reform or Public School, or in a poor-house, costs one or two

hundred dollars a year, and when we add to this the escape from the dangers of institutional life, the transfer from dependent to independent life, the development of self-help and self-control that is implanted in a child's nature, by the kindly intervention of the State through its agent, we cannot estimate the value of their services. I have appointed agents in 26 counties only, as in some of the newer counties there seemed no immediate necessity, and in others I have been unable to find any one who would accept the appointment. The position is not an office, pays no salary except expenses, and can only be filled by those who love the work and do it because they love it. The State owes a debt of gratitude, to the gentlemen who are acting as those agents, that it cannot easily pay. I earnestly hope the system may not be changed, except to be improved, and that it may in time be extended into every county. What more sublime spectacle does the century present, than that of a State not content to be simply a theory or an idea, but a moral Being, with a representative in every community, regardful of its interests, asserting its fatherhood over these children who are to be a part of the State in the future.

I have asked each county agent to give me, in an informal way, such facts as they deemed important regarding their work and their opinion of its value. Their replies are submitted herewith. I commend them to your attention, as the most refreshing reading of the day.

Although the State Public School has taken from the poor-houses a large number of children, the reports of the Superintendents of the Poor, show a constant increase of children in these institutions. In 1872 the number was 583; in 1873, 577; in 1874, 502; in 1875, 734. In this computation are included babes, idiotic, feeble-minded, blind, and mutes, but even then the number shocks us. We cannot, must not permit it. That a child reared in a poor-house is to be a pauper or a prisoner in the future, is almost certain.

We shall never cease building prisons, so long as poorhouses are permitted to feed them with inmates. We ought to prohibit by law, the placing of a child, mentally and physically healthy, under three years of age, in any poorhouse. Other States have already done so, and we should lose no time in following their example. The State of New York provides that pauper children shall be sent to private institutions and asylums instead of the poor-houses, the cost of maintenance to be paid by the county. Though we have but few asylums for children, I am of the opinion that we should enact a similar law, applying it to counties where such institutions exist. But better far than the best institution, is home, be it ever so humble, if it is sober and honest. We ought to provide legislation that would secure homes for these children, and I am of the opinion that power and money should be given to the State Board of Charities, to employ agents for this purpose. Such agents, acting in concert with the county agents, and the State Public and Reform Schools, may accomplish more than all else in this direction,—at all events the experiment is worth the trial. Should it fail, and should the State Public School continue the success that has so far attended it, we can then either enlarge its capacity or build another. Power should be given under careful restrictions to the Boards of Control of the State Public School and the Reform School to transfer children from these institutions. Some boys of tender age are sent to the Reform School oftentimes by connivance of depraved parents, who seem hardly old enough to commit crime, who ought not to be there and should be sent to the School at Coldwater. Occasionally a boy will find his way into the State Public School who, from

criminal tendencies and life, ought not to remain, to the injury of others. Such cases should be transferred to the Reform School.

THE DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND.

The biennial report of the Trustees of this school give very full details of its operations. The number of children in attendance for 1876, was 212; in 1875, 204; in 1874, 191; in 1873, 164.

The current expenses for 1875 and 1876, including repairs and the cost of the mechanical industries, were about \$50,000.00 per annum. The expenditures in the industrial departments have been borne by separate appropriations. The Board ask appropriations for the ensuing two years as follows:

To pay foremen and purchase materials in boot and shoe shop, cabinet shop, basket shop, and printing office.....	\$8,500 00
For fifty rods of plank walk at \$3 per rod.....	150 00
For building one barn.....	1,500 00
For building two water closets to accommodate dormitories.....	1,000 00
For building one shop.....	5,000 00
For laying 200 squares of oak floors, at \$5 per square.....	1,000 00
For painting and general repairs on buildings, engines, boilers, etc.	2,000 00
For beds and bedding.....	1,500 00
For one washing machine, one mangle, etc.....	500 00
For two pianos.....	800 00
For steam cooking apparatus.....	300 00
For one fire-proof safe.....	250 00
For set of platform scales.....	125 00
For wardrobes.....	280 00
For building 200 yards of board fence.....	350 00
For one portico to front building.....	2,500 00
For current expenses.....	85,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$110,750 00</u>

The items for barn and closets were in the appropriation for 1875, but were not drawn, and have reverted to the Treasury.

Within a very short time the State ought to provide a separate institution for the blind, and when this is done there ought to be shop room enough at Flint for all the deaf and dumb. For this reason I cannot advise the appropriation asked for building a new shop. The construction of the portico can be deferred, as it has been for so many years, though it would greatly improve the appearance of the building. The appropriation for the conduct of the shops, repairs, beds and bedding are all expense accounts, though heretofore special appropriations have been made for these items, and they have not gone into the current expense accounts. These are as legitimate items of expenses in the running of this establishment as any other, and should be so treated; and unless they are so treated, we can never tell what the expenses are.

The Board of Trustees have reduced the number of employés and their salaries, and inaugurated other economical reforms, and I am of the opinion that the sum of \$92,000.00 will cover all above enumerated expense accounts and current expenses for the ensuing two years. The estimates for other items are

all necessary, and should be granted. The expense of lighting the school is enormous, owing to the high price charged for gas, being nearly \$1,700.00 for 1876. I recommend an appropriation of \$2,500.00 for the immediate erection of gas works, that this expense may be lessened.

The legislation of 1873 and the active efforts of the officers of the Institute have secured the attendance of nearly all the children of the State who need its care, yet there are still some remaining in families and poor-houses. The deaf, dumb and blind who grow up in ignorance become either imbecile or a permanent burden upon community, and no parent has a right to permit it, especially when the State provides education, physical, mental, and moral, free of charge, for them. I believe it to be the duty of the State to compel, by law, the education of all children, but especially the deaf, dumb and blind. The system of instruction at our Institution is constantly improving, the new method of "articulation" having just been introduced with marked success. The boys are taught a trade, and the girls are instructed in housework and sewing. I commend this work to your kindly and thoughtful consideration.

THE STATE PRISON.

Except in the fact that the Prison is largely over-crowded, its condition is unexceptionable. The report of the Warden and Board furnishes full details of the operations of the past year. The convict earnings in money for the two years ending Sept. 30, 1876, were \$203,043.64. This in addition to the labor on State property, roads, sewers, land, etc., is a very creditable showing.

The net earnings for the two years ending Sept. 30, 1876, were over \$20,000. In view of the depression in business that has so generally affected all manufacturing industries, and none more seriously than prison work, the result has most agreeably surprised the prison officials. There is hardly a prison in the country that has paid expenses, and in many of them no labor at all can be procured for the convicts. The establishment of the State shop, in which the manufacture of brooms is conducted, has been of the greatest possible good. Its earnings have not been large, but it has furnished employment to the halt, lame and blind, to sickly and short term convicts, and relieved the prison yard of its idlers that were formerly so numerous and troublesome. Its effect upon the value of prison labor has been most marked.

The number of convicts Sept. 30, '76, was 835; in 1875, 788; in 1874, 703. Of the prisoners received in 1876, 30 had served a term in the House of Correction, 18 in the Reform School, and 11 in other prisons. Eighty-five per cent. of the convicts were committed for the first time. Seventy-seven per cent. were intemperate. Eighty-six per cent. were unapprenticed.

Is not the cause of the increase in crime shown by these statistics to be found in this large per cent. of intemperate and idlers?

The report of the Warden and Board of Inspectors as to the workings of the good time and convict earnings law enacted by the last Legislature, express some doubts as to the amount of benefit to be derived from the latter provision. The experiment has not been tested long enough to really tell its effect, and I should be loth to give it up as a failure. I am of the opinion, however, that the Board should be given a larger discretion in the matter of amount and payment of a convict's earnings. Some provision should be made by which the condition and residence of a convict's family could be made a matter of record at the Prison, and his earnings paid directly to them instead of being hoarded

or squandered as they so often are. I submit herewith, in accordance with law, a list of the pardons I have granted during the past two years.

STATE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

In accordance with the provisions of Act No. 96, Laws of 1875, I appointed Hampton Rich of Ionia, Charles Kipp of Clinton, and Westbrook Divine of Montcalm, as a Board of Commissioners for the new House of Correction at Ionia. A contract for two of the four cell blocks, officers' quarters, chapel, hospital, kitchen, boiler-house, and one shop was entered into Sept., 1875, with Knapp & Co. of Detroit, who were the lowest bidders. The work has progressed favorably, though not as rapidly as it should, or as was agreed upon. It will be ready for occupancy by the 1st of May next. The entire cost of the building, including extras, superintendence, expenses of the Board, etc., will not exceed the amount designated in the act, viz.: \$270,000.00. The overcrowded condition of the State Prison, and the House of Correction at Detroit, require that the new prison be fitted and furnished immediately.

The Board has prepared estimates of the sum needed for this purpose, amounting to \$29,458.00. The amount required to start a new prison of this magnitude is necessarily large, as it will not fill up gradually but at once, compelling the outlay to be made within a very short time. The new plan upon which it has been constructed and upon which it is to be conducted, viz.: that all the employes are to live in the institution, will demand also a somewhat larger expenditure for furnishing, though the State will be repaid for it in the reduction of expenses in the first year of its operation.

The above sum, though asked for as fitting and furnishing, includes water and gas supply, horses, wagons, tools, fencing, steam engine, fire hose, etc., that are not to be classed as furniture, but that are necessary for the works of the prison. The original plan of the prison provides for 582 cells, 312 of which are in the present contract and are completed. Shop room for 150 prisoners is also in present contract.

To complete all the cells and shops, enclosure wall, barn and stable, warden's residence, including heating the whole prison, and furnishing warden's residence, the Board estimate will require an appropriation of \$126,353.00.

The increase of crime, the number of prisoners in excess of cells in our other prisons, the statistics of which are given elsewhere, would seem to demand that the whole number of cells and shops be built at once. The enclosing wall must of course be erected immediately. I recommend therefore an appropriation of the amount estimated by the board, with a proviso that the construction of the cell blocks may be discontinued by the Governor, if at any time there should be such a decrease of convicts as would warrant him in so doing.

The report of the board gives full details of contract and expenditures to Dec. 1st, 1876. Provision must be made for the pay of employes, fuel, lights, food, clothing, and other running expenses, until such time as some remunerative labor can be established. In the present condition of our manufacturing industries this time is of uncertain date. The inmates can most of them be employed on the building and grounds for some time, but this work will not pay expenses. I estimate the daily expenses with 300 prisoners at \$100.00 per day. Authority should be given the management to procure advances from the treasury, with the approval of the Governor, for the deficit in current expenses, until the next session of the legislature.

There were in confinement in the State Prison December 1, '76, 869 convicts, —221 more than there are cells. At same date there were 533 inmates in the Detroit House of Correction, being 51 more than there were cells. At this date the number is still greater.

The establishment of the State House of Correction at Ionia will require legislation regarding its management; direction must be given as to the class of prisoners that shall be sent and confined there, and provision should be made for providing for the transfer of convicts from other prisons.

A certain class of prisoners, convicted of what are known as prison offenses, are now sent to the House of Correction at Detroit. The number of this class now in confinement there, is 74.

This law should be repealed, and they should be hereafter sent to one or the other of the State Prisons. The Detroit House of Correction is none too large for the use of Wayne county, and for what are known as county prisoners of other counties, and will gladly be relieved of them.

With the opening of the State House of Correction at Ionia, the Prison, Detroit House of Correction, and Reform School, the State certainly has most excellent facilities for the classification and separation of prisoners, and it should no longer be delayed. The suggestion has been made of placing our three penal institutions under the control of one Board, with an executive head whose whole time should be given to the duties of the position, and who, of course, would require a salary. Such a Board would cost no more than the three now do, and in some regards the plan might be an improvement, and in others perhaps not.

I commend the suggestion for your consideration.

STATE POOR.

The public expense of caring for the poor of the state in 1875 was \$572,000.00. Of this amount \$207,000.00 was for maintaining the poor-houses. The amount of investment in poor-houses was \$722,000.00. For this expenditure and as a return for the investment, the value of paupers' labor in 1875 was estimated at \$8,000.00.

This financial exhibit, the increase of tramps and able-bodied paupers, the condition of our poor-houses, as described by the state board of charities, and many other reasons, induced the county superintendents of the poor at their last annual meeting, to adopt by a unanimous vote a resolution in favor of district work-houses. That this system would decrease pauperism and save money can not be doubted. Would it not be wise to provide by enactment that any number of counties may be empowered to unite for the purpose of erecting and conducting a district poor-house or work-house? It would enable some of the new counties that have not yet built their poor-houses to make the experiment.

NEW CAPITOL.

The work upon the new Capitol is not as far advanced as the Board of Commissioners wished and expected. The delay is from various causes, but chiefly from the change in the cornice, steps, etc., ordered by the Legislature. The brick and stone work on the building itself is completed, leaving only the porticos, steps and west boiler house to be finished. There is no prospect of the building being completed at the time contemplated, and the work will need to be hastened to have it ready at the assembling of the next Legislature. The

quality of the material and work is excellent, and does credit to the contractors, Superintendent, and Board. During the past two years contracts have been entered into for the tin roof, stone cornice, steam heating, ventilating, and the electric work. The total payments to Sept. 30, 1876, have been \$819,852.78. The Legislature of 1871 appropriated \$10,000 for the preliminary expenses of plans, etc., for the capitol.

The act of 1872 appropriated \$1,200,000 for the erection of the building, including services of the architect and plans, without amending or repealing the act of 1871; but the Auditor General construed the appropriation of 1872 to include the amount appropriated in 1871. This construction of the law will require an appropriation of the sum of \$8,249.85, this being the amount expended by the Board under the law of 1871. The Board ask for the electric work and other necessary purposes that the sum of \$25,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, may be appropriated out of the building fund and made available during this year. The history of the construction of public buildings of this character fails to show any where so small an amount of extras or deficiencies as our capitol up to this time, and I commend this appropriation as one necessary and fit to be made. Full details of the operations of the Board of Building Commissioners will be found in their report, to which your attention is called.

The Board have made, at my request, an estimate of the amount required to furnish the capitol with seating, desks, gas fixtures, mantels, grates, library, shelving, etc., together with fence, sidewalks, lamps, grading, and other necessary outside improvements. The amount required, the estimates being based on work and fixtures appropriate to the building itself, is \$75,000.00. This estimate is for permanent fixtures that are part of the building and grounds, and is exclusive of furniture. For furniture for the different offices, matting, carpeting, desks, cases, tables, etc., no very close estimate can be made, but I am of the opinion that it will require from \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00 for this purpose. I recommend, therefore, that an appropriation of \$75,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be made for the purposes first mentioned, to be expended by the Building Commission, and the same amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for furniture, to be expended under the direction of the Governor and Board of Auditors.

The lot upon which the present capitol building stands, with the building now occupied for State offices, is worth from \$80,000.00 to \$125,000.00, and will go far towards reimbursing the Treasury for these appropriations.

The State also owns four and one-half blocks of land in the city, containing 54 city lots, and I recommend that the Commissioner of the Land Office be directed to plat the capitol block and dispose of all the State lots, at such prices and upon such terms as may be fixed by the Governor, Treasurer, and himself.

The near approach of the completion of the new Capitol creates an imperative necessity for the appointment of a Superintendent of Public Property. Such an officer could have saved the State his salary every year of the ten years past in the care of its property, and with the increased demands in this direction a good officer, under a good law, will be of great value. This duty is now performed by the Board of Auditors, and as they are absent most of the time, it devolves upon the deputy State officers. Supplies of paper for the printer, stationery for the different bureaus, fuel, etc., etc., are now issued without sys-

tem or plan. The proposed officer should have (and in the new Capitol there will be abundance of office and storage room for him) all the supplies of every nature under his control, to be issued only upon requisitions and receipted for by the recipient. He should have control of all purchases made by the Board of Auditors, and see that supplies bought are duly received.

The new Capitol and grounds will require a number of employés, janitors, firemen and others who should be under his superintendence and control. In a business, money-saving view this office will be one of great importance and demand the entire time of a good business man. I recommend, therefore, the creation of such an office, to be filled by appointment of the Governor, and under his control, conjointly with the Board of Auditors.

RAILROADS.

We have in the State thirty-five railroad companies, operating 5311 miles of road, 3346 miles of which are in the State, costing \$154,532,665.72, and represented by \$30,945.28 of debt and \$27,046.84 of stock per mile of road. The large proportion of debt shows that railroads, like municipalities and individuals, maintain their fashionable character. The gross railroad earnings in this State for 1875 were \$17,592,292.00, which amount was not sufficient to pay expenses, interests and rents. Four roads paid no interest on their indebtedness in 1875; nine paid a portion only and report \$2,189,810.00 unpaid for the year. Two have been sold under foreclosure, and four are in the hands of receivers. One company only paid a dividend during 1875, in cash, of two per cent., and one a stock dividend of ten per cent. This condition of so great and important an interest, employing so large a capital, is very unsatisfactory, but it cannot be attributed to unfriendly legislation so far as Michigan is concerned. The roads have only themselves to blame, and the remedy is in their hands alone.

Our roads and equipment are in good condition. Of 10,716,227 passengers transported in 1875, not one was killed, and only six were injured from causes beyond their own control.

Twenty-three per cent. of the accidents were caused by trespassers on the tracks. It would seem that some steps should be taken to prevent this large loss of life and limb. There are a number of bridges over the roads of the state, which are not of sufficient height to allow the safe passage under them of men at work on the trains. Five persons have been killed and three injured by these bridges in the past three years. The Commissioner should be authorized to compel the roads to raise all bridges to a height of eighteen feet, and to prevent the erection in the future of any lower than this, and I respectfully recommend the passage of such a law.

In this connection, I desire to call your especial attention to what to my mind is a matter of very great importance to the State, viz.: the manner in which the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway makes its reports for purposes of taxation, and the very small amount of taxes it pays, compared to other roads similarly situated. This Railway and the Michigan Central are organized under special charters; both of them are taxed by their charters three-fourths of one per cent. on the capital stock and bonded debt. In 1855, the Michigan Southern was consolidated with the Northern Indiana R. R. Co., and the act authorizing the consolidation provided for its taxation, as follows:

"Sec. 3. The said corporation so to be organized by virtue of this act, shall

continue subject to the same rate of tax as though such consolidation should not take place; and the amount of its capital and loans hereafter, upon which such taxation shall be paid, *shall be such portion of the whole of its capital and loans as is actually employed in the State of Michigan*, to be ascertained on or before the first of January in each year by the Auditor General of this State, from the annual report of said corporation, or from such other reports on oath as he may deem necessary for such purpose, to be ordered by him from the office of such corporation."

From that date until the present time their reports have been made up on the basis of \$27,300.00 per mile of stock and debt, and the tax has been \$205.00 per mile, or a gross amount of \$35,544.30 per annum; the number of miles of road in this State being 173. The Central and Southern roads are great trunk lines, and as through roads are of about equal value. The Southern reports the value of its road to be \$98,295.59 per mile; the Central reports \$111,298.04 per mile. The Central pays a tax of \$597.42 per mile to the State; the Southern pays a tax of \$205.00 per mile, a difference of nearly three hundred per cent., while the difference in value from their own reports is only twelve per cent.

For purpose of illustration: in the year 1876 these two roads, under practically the same charters, both paying on the basis of the value of their property in the limits of the State, paid into the Treasury \$134,083.20 and \$35,544.30 respectively.

Deducting the twelve per cent. difference in cost and value and the difference in mileage between the two roads, the Southern should have paid \$90,951.29, showing a loss to our revenue in this year alone of \$55,406.99.

In 1872 this company reports to the Commissioner of Railroads,

that the proportion of its value in Michigan was.....	\$16,509,318 00
In 1873.....	17,339,882 00
In 1874.....	17,046,036 00
In 1875.....	19,455,913 00

Yet for all these years they have reported their road to the Auditor General for *taxation* at a valuation of \$4,739,240.16 each year.

While the value and taxation of this road has remained stationary, other roads under the same provisions of law have reported an increased value and increased taxation each succeeding year. In the case of the Michigan Central the valuation and tax have nearly doubled in fifteen years.

Which of these reports are we to believe? The reports of other roads—our own business judgment—the taxes paid in other states, are all evidences that the report made for taxation is incorrect. The total amount of taxes paid by the company in 1875 were \$483,700. Of this amount \$53,250 was paid in Michigan, or about one-ninth, though the proportionate value of the company's property in Michigan is about one-quarter of the whole. Our newer and poorer railway companies pay their taxes under the general railroad law. If the L. S. & M. S. paid under the provisions of this act, their tax would be \$397.64 per mile of road, or nearly double what they are now paying. The fact seems to be that this company has selected the 179 miles of road in this state as its poorest and least valuable property and paid taxes on it accordingly. I can see no reason in law or equity for this. A railroad must be valued as a whole; as a

continuity; the mile built over a prairie at a slight cost is as necessary to its operation as the mile constructed on a bridge at great expense. I am of the opinion that the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company should have paid the state in the last ten years at least \$300,000 more than they have; basing their taxation on a fair, equitable, honest basis under the law; and steps should be taken by the state to collect it. Able lawyers whom I have consulted assure me that it can be done. The state and company had some litigation years ago, on this subject, and the valuation was then fixed by the court; the whole history of which can be found in the report of the Auditor General for 1874, pp. 66-72, to which I beg to call your attention.

I submit the matter for your consideration, believing that immediate action should be taken to secure payment of our just dues.

RAILROAD GRANTS.

I regret very much to state that, even with the very liberal grant made by the legislature of 1875, no action has been taken towards the construction of the Marquette and Mackinac railroad.

The board of control entered into a contract in May last, with the Marquette, Sault Ste Marie and Mackinac railroad company, for the construction of the road within the time specified in the act, but there seems to be no hope of its being built in the present depressed condition of railroad interests. The grant to the Menominee River railroad company made in 1875, of seven sections of swamp land per mile has expired, owing to the failure of the company to construct the road within the time prescribed by law, and the land has reverted to the state.

ST. MARY'S FALLS SHIP CANAL.

The tonnage passing through this canal for the two years ending September 30, 1876, has been 2,573,728 tons; an increase over the preceding two years of 298,426 tons. The receipts for same time were \$80,514.37. The tolls were reduced in July, '73, from 4½ to 3½ cents per ton, and in July, '75, to 3 cents. There is standing to the credit of the Canal Fund on the books of the state \$54,611.54, and outstanding of the canal bonds, issued by the state due in 1879, \$46,000.00.

One set of new gates are in place and the other will be ready on the opening of navigation. The mouth of the canal has been dredged, the piers and banks repaired, and canal house and office put in complete repair. The Board of Control have ordered an extension of the pier at the east end, to be completed next season. The inventory of state property at the canal is \$12,036.00. The repairs being so nearly completed, it is hoped that a still further reduction in the tolls can be made the coming season.

The clerk of the canal absconded in August last, taking from the safe by means of a false key, the sum of \$1,114.77. The superintendent being responsible for the safe custody of the canal funds, he must pay the amount unless relieved by you. As he was in no wise to blame in this matter, the canal board agree with me in asking the passage of a joint resolution directing them to allow the amount to the superintendent.

SPECIFIC TAXATION.

The assessment of specific taxes for 1875 was \$577,995.00; for 1876, \$573,533.00, a decrease for this year of \$64,462.00. Of this decrease \$26,000.00 was

in the tax on life insurance companies, reduced by the Legislature in 1875, and \$34,000.00 in the decreased earnings of railroads. Specific taxation on real property for State purposes is a system that combines in it more injustice to the people, more inequalities and irregularities, than any other system that was ever devised. It is unrepblican, because it divides the community into classes for purposes of taxation, because it is always and invariably lower than general taxation, because being in lieu of all other taxes, it deprives our municipalities of their legitimate revenue. A careful analysis of the system in this State shows a disparity in the amount of taxes paid by those taxed under it, and other parties, that is simply astonishing. The total value of the taxable property of the State, as fixed by the State Board of Equalization, is \$630,000,000.00. The total taxation levied in the State for all purposes is about \$15,000,000.00, or 2½ per cent. on the valuation, though I believe our taxation is really about two per cent.

A hundred dollars in bank stock, farms, houses, lands or mechanical industry pays in Michigan two dollars taxes; the telegraph property in Michigan pays 23 cents on the hundred dollars; the street railroad property pays 25 cents on the hundred dollars; other railroads pay 27 cents on the hundred dollars, taking their own valuation as a basis. The telegraph lines in the State are worth \$1,000,000.00, and pay an annual tax of \$2,366.00; the street railroads cost \$785,406.27, and pay an annual tax of \$1,421.00; the railroads of the State are worth \$150,000,000.00, and pay an annual tax of \$400,000.00. If these corporations paid the same tax that other property does, they would pay over \$2,000,000.00 annually, instead of \$405,000.00. I can see no reason for this great difference. Arguments may be made that this or that business does not pay, but this is no cause for exemption or decrease of taxation. A farm may be unproductive, a store or house may be without a tenant, a manufacturer may not make a penny, but the taxation on these investments remains the same. There is no system of taxation that is fair, just, and equitable, except that which taxes all property exactly alike. Specific taxation should only apply to foreign corporations who, earning money in the State, have no property in the State, such as insurance companies and the like. Occasional exceptions, temporary in their character, may be made to this rule for the purpose of building up some new enterprise, or developing some new industry, but the well governed community is that where the burden of taxation, be it heavy or light, rests equally upon all property and its owners.

INSURANCE.

In the creation of an Insurance Bureau, the State recognized the fact that the business of insurance was of such public nature, that it demanded the supervision of the State, that its citizens might not be wronged. Under the faithful management of our Commissioner, the fire companies doing business in this State have been carefully weeded out, and I believe no losses have fallen upon our people from the failure of a fire insurance company in the past two years. We have not been so fortunate in the matter of life insurance. The recent failure of the Continental Life Insurance Company of New York city, in which our citizens hold policies amounting to \$2,700,000.00, upon which they have probably paid \$500,000.00 in premiums, ought to attract the attention of our law-makers, to our present legislation upon the subject of life insurance. We have the power of examination and of prohibition from doing

business in the State, and that is about all, and the Commissioner informs me that the examination of a life insurance company is the work of months.

In the case of failure, each policy-holder must look out for himself, and as each one's interest is small compared to the whole, the receiver or assignee disposes of the assets for the benefit of himself and the stockholders if he sees fit so to do, and the policy holder is left as chief mourner. But it is not only in case of failure, that our citizens suffer.

Thirty-three companies of other States are authorized to do business in this State. These companies issue forfeiting or non-forfeiting policies—while companies organized under our own laws cannot forfeit a policy after one payment has been made. If this law is right as applied to ourselves, and it certainly is, we ought to apply it to all companies doing business in the State. The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has decided that no company, whether organized under the laws of that State or not, can forfeit a policy. Of the companies doing business in this State, no two policies are alike in their provisions. The business as conducted here is something like this: *i. e.*, the insured is asked an average of about twenty-five questions, his physician about twenty, some friend about five; if after death there has been an error in the answer to one of these questions, the company may decline payment.

After this ordeal is passed, the companies make the policies void in case of death as follows: seven, if the assured commits a felony; thirty-one for suicide; seventeen if "suicide is committed while sane or insane;" six, "if voluntary or involuntary self destruction;" fifteen, if death ensues from "intoxicating drink;" five, from "intemperate use of liquors;" six from use of opium; ten from "impairment of health by narcotics or alcoholic stimulants." Although the tables of mortality, upon which the price of insurance is estimated, are made up of all deaths, including those from above causes, payments, in case of death, are made on a self-constructed basis to suit the company. A husband and father may pay his premium honestly and promptly for years, and by misfortune or financial disaster, miss a single year; he may have lived a temperate and decent life for years, and by and by fallen into temptation by strong drink; he may become insane by any cause, and in an asylum destroy himself; he may, after years of honest living, turn to evil ways and go to prison; and, should he die, wife and children, who may have deprived themselves of many a necessity to keep up his life insurance, are told that the policy is void; and if compelled to sue for it, our own courts are powerless, and they are driven to the United States Court, or a compromise.

Though there are honorable companies who do not take advantage of all these technicalities, yet our laws permit it to be done, if they should so choose.

I believe it to be the province and the duty of the State to designate a form of insurance policy, always non-forfeitable, free from all useless verbiage, as simple as a promissory note, protecting citizen and company alike, and to permit no other to be used in the State.

If foreign companies should not like it, there is no compulsory law to keep them here. In this connection I desire to call your attention to the report of Commissioner Row, for 1873, and to the report of Attorney General Marston for 1874 on this subject.

Our citizens hold life insurance policies amounting to \$53,000,000.00 for which they pay over \$1,600,000.00 annually, and we owe them a duty in this matter that we must not neglect.

BANKS.

There are twenty-six banks in the State that are organized under its laws. Of these, eleven are savings banks with a capital and surplus of \$992,845.00, and deposits of \$5,078,759.00; and fifteen are banks of deposit and discount, with capital and surplus of \$1,479,956.00 and deposits of \$2,150,732.00.

I deem it my duty to again for the third time call your attention to the fact that our law on the subject of banking is extremely lax and of no earthly use in protecting our citizens from fraud and wrong if evil minded persons see fit to take advantage of its defects. Our banks of to-day are well managed and in good hands, but this is good luck and not good laws.

I again recommend that provisions, similar in their character to those of the National Banking Act, in the establishment, surveillance and control of banks, be engrafted in our laws. No one objects to these provisions, and they give to the people not alone the sense of security, but security itself, while the banks themselves are more careful and conservative in their management. Banking is not a private business, however conducted. Calling oneself a banker carries with it, to the common mind, the idea of a public business, governed by legislation, and I am of the opinion that it should be so governed,—not in a narrow and restrictive sense, but in a liberal, careful, and protective manner.

Many of the counties and municipalities of the State have suffered heavy losses by the defalcation of their treasurers. There is something wrong in a system that allows these officers, first to perpetrate, and then conceal for a long time, such frauds as some of these have been guilty of.

There should be a general law, applicable to every municipality in the State, mandatory in its provisions, compelling settlements at least four times a year, by the authorities with their treasurers. Such settlements should not be on paper simply, but should include an actual counting of the public funds in their hands. Under the present law, if a community feel that their treasurer is embezzling or misappropriating the public funds, they have no remedy except to wait for the expiration of his term.

If the words "defaulter" and "defalcation" could be stricken out of our vocabulary, and the old fashioned plain English substituted, it would tend to make these crimes less common. This subject deserves your thoughtful consideration.

The provisions of law in the city charters of the State, relating to the taking of private property for public uses, are as varied in their character as the charters are numerous. Several of these have been pronounced unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, and it is fair to presume that others would share the same fate, if tested. The cities and individuals suffer alike from the effects of these decisions. Would it not be well to prepare a careful, general enactment, covering this subject, that should apply everywhere and to every one alike?

MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

The gross amount of taxation levied in the State for all purposes is about \$15,000,000 00. Of this about one-thirtieth part is the State tax, the balance is for city, town, village, school, and highway purposes. So, if we grumble at our taxes the State gets one-thirtieth and the other forms of government twenty-nine thirtieths of our maledictions. So too if care in legislation is demanded for the State, how much greater care should be given to legislation affecting the different municipalities of the State. The framers of the constitution rec-

ognizing this duty, have clothed the Legislature with power to restrict in cities and villages the powers of taxation, borrowing money, contracting debts and loaning their credit. The table of municipal indebtedness, submitted herewith, showing a total indebtedness of \$6,584,540.00, is abundant proof of the necessity and propriety of this provision of the constitution. If our cities and villages would follow the example of the State, and the dictates of prudence,—remembering that out of debt is out of danger,—that debt means taxation,—that debt is a mortgage on, not only the property, but the industry of the people,—they would be loth to incur indebtedness and would soon find a lighter tax roll and increased prosperity.

Would it not be well to provide for the collection of taxes semi-annually, instead of annually? This plan has been adopted in several of the States, and works well. I can see no reason why the tax-payer should not have the use of a portion of his taxes for half of the year, instead of the municipality or its treasurer.

The experience of the States that have adopted this system proves that taxes are paid much more promptly, willingly and easily than under our system. The interest on seven or eight millions for six months is an amount worth saving to the people. The decreased amount of public funds in the hands of treasurers would partially remove the temptation to speculate with them, and there would be less losses from this source. It may be some trouble to inaugurate the system, but I am of the opinion that it would be a decided reform.

MILITARY.

The militia of the State is composed of three regiments of eight companies each. The First Regiment, under command of Col. W. H. Withington, numbers 600. The Second, Col. I. C. Smith commanding, numbers 615. Third, under command of Col. O. F. Lochhead numbers 577—a total of 1792 rank and file.

No more companies can be accepted, as the law of 1873 limits the companies to twenty-four. I ordered an encampment of each regiment during the past summer for the purpose of regimental practice and drill. The attendance was large, the discipline maintained excellent, and officers and men a credit to the State whose uniform they wear, and whose soldiers they are.

Under the act providing for the transfer of all insane Michigan soldiers from the poor-houses of the State to the Asylum at Kalamazoo, twenty-six have been so transferred. The expense of their maintenance is about \$3,000 per annum. The National Soldiers' Homes have received since their opening 436 soldiers from Michigan.

In the two years ending September 30, 1876, fifty-four soldiers have been temporarily cared for at the Soldiers' Home in Harper Hospital at an expense of \$4,179.60 for maintenance, and \$134.15 for transportation, clothing, etc. The number of soldiers requiring care in this direction is decreasing rapidly, and I recommend that the Home be discontinued, and that, in lieu of it, the Military Board be authorized to provide for their temporary wants by payments of money direct. The expense of maintenance at the Home being over one dollar per diem, I am of the opinion that the system of direct payments would save the Military Fund a large amount.

The balance in the Military Fund Sept. 30, 1876, was \$27,111.78. The

amount of tax for military purposes levied in 1876, was \$22,142.30. No tax was levied in 1875.

The reports of the Adjutant, Quarter Master, and Inspector Generals furnish details of military matters, to which your attention is asked.

The Mexican Veteran Association of the State, at a meeting held in Jackson in June last, requested me to ask for them the passage of a Joint Resolution asking Congress to grant their prayer for pensions.

FISH CULTURE.

Since Dec. 1, 1874, there has been hatched and placed in the waters of the State 12,400,000 whitefish, 1,470,000 salmon, and 150,000 lake trout. There are now in the two hatching houses 10,000,000 eggs to be distributed the coming spring. The total expense since July 1, 1873, has been \$23,057.20,—an amount considerably less than the appropriation. The inventory of property belonging to the Fish Commission is \$4,000.00. Sufficient time has not yet elapsed to decide conclusively as to the success of this enterprise, but I am of the opinion that it will prove a success, and should be continued. It is the belief of those engaged in the work, that every acre of water in the State can be made as valuable as an acre of land. As the appropriation expires July 1, 1877, if the business is to be continued, a new one will need to be made. The catch of fish in our great lakes, that has heretofore been a source of great revenue to our people, is decreasing very rapidly, and chiefly from causes that are within our own control, viz.: the wholesale destruction of young fish by the present methods of fishing,—catching in season and out of season—without any regulation on the part of Government.

The attention of our Senators and Representatives in Congress should be called to this subject, as the General Government has exclusive power and control over it. Michigan has about 39,000 square miles of fishing grounds, and our interest in the business is one of great pecuniary magnitude.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The amendments to the Constitution, submitted to the people at the late election, striking out the clause that prohibited the granting of license for the sale of liquors, and permitting amendments to be voted upon hereafter at spring elections, were both adopted by a large majority. The amendment increasing the salary of Circuit Judges was defeated by a small majority.

It is to be regretted, that with the submission of this amendment there had not been some accompanying legislation equalizing and reducing the number of circuits. The inequalities of population, business, and territory, are very great. Gentlemen who have lately filled the position of judge in some of our circuits, have assured me that they could have transacted all the business with ease had the district been doubled. We now have 21 circuit judges and three special judges, who perform the duties of circuit judge. Wisconsin, with a population 130,000 less than ours, has 13 circuits. Iowa, with a population 100,000 greater than ours, has 13 circuit and 13 district judges, but they have no probate courts, the circuit judges having jurisdiction in probate cases. Indiana, with a population 500,000 greater than ours, has 40 circuit and 5 special judges, but no probate judges. Wisconsin pays salaries of \$3,000 per annum; Iowa, \$2,200; Indiana, \$2,500. Our judicial system as a whole is more expensive than any of the above mentioned. Would it not be wise to remodel it; consolidate some of our circuits, reducing the number,—pay our

judges respectable salaries, and at the same time save expense? The expenses of stenographers in the State for 1876 was \$22,000.

STATE LIBRARY.

Your attention is invited to the very full report of the State Librarian. The Library contains 52,819 books, maps, and pamphlets, valued at \$100,000.00. The librarian asks an appropriation of \$1,500.00 for each of the years 1877 and 1878, and I respectfully recommend that the request be granted.

In addition to the ordinary duties of the position, the Librarian has entire charge of the sale and distribution of the Supreme Court Reports, and this of itself is a work of much responsibility, occupying much time. Since the disposition of these reports has been placed in her hands the sales have greatly increased; the receipts for '71-2 being \$1,414.48, while in '73-4 they were \$8,896.55, and in '75-6 they have been \$15,319.93. The growth of the Library and the increasing demand upon the time of the Librarian, its prospective removal to the new capitol, make it necessary that the Librarian should be empowered, with the approval of the Governor, to employ a competent clerk, and I recommend that such authority be granted.

There should be some definite action by your honorable body on the question of fire insurance upon State property. The value, as stated elsewhere, is very great, and the trustees of the different institutions should have instructions, from the law-making power, either to insure or not. There should be some harmony of action on this subject. As it is now, some are insured and others are not.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The gratuitous labor of this Board in behalf of the public health and well-being, though not as plainly perceptible as some practical work, I believe is of great value to the people. Their reports contain much useful information on the preservation of life and health, valuable alike to individuals, public officers and institutions.

STATE PIONEER SOCIETY.

The report of this society is submitted herewith. Of the appropriation made by the Legislature of 1875, of \$500 for each of the years 1875 and 1876, only half of the amount for 1875 has been drawn from the Treasury. The Society ask an appropriation of \$500 for each of the years 1877 and 1878.

I submit herewith certain petitions and correspondence relative to affairs in the county of Manitou. They show that the laws of the State and United States are violated with impunity, and that there is no safety or protection to persons or property in portions of the county. No courts have been held for years. The county offices are vacant a large portion of the time. There is no jail. Debts cannot be collected by process of law, nor any of the forms of law complied with.

There is no power vested in the Executive to remedy this condition of affairs, and I recommend that the county organization be discontinued, and the territory be attached to the county of Charlevoix, which is in the same Senatorial and Representative District.

RELIEF FUND.

The relief fund remaining in my hands at the date of my last message was

\$310.75. I gave to the sufferers by the tornado in Detroit in 1875, \$200.00, and the balance, \$110.75 to the Centennial fund for the erection of the Michigan building, at Philadelphia. I hold vouchers for these disbursements.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The law of 1875 providing for the regulation and taxation of the liquor traffic, has been in operation nearly two years. It was the purpose of the friends of this act not only to regulate, but to restrain the traffic in strong drink that had grown to be, under other laws, the greatest evil of the day. For the purpose of ascertaining what has been accomplished under it, I addressed the treasurer of each county, asking for full details of the operations of the law in their respective counties. A tabulated statement of the replies, together with a report made to the Auditor General for 1875, by the same officers is published herewith. The information is somewhat incomplete, but is probably as near correct as could be expected. In 1875 the number assessed, as reported to me, was 4,974; of these, 4,215 paid the tax, amounting to \$461,462.92. It is altogether probable that those who have not paid have retired from the business. In 1876 the number assessed was 4,553; of these, 3,385 are reported as having paid the tax, amounting to \$384,387.00.

The collectors of internal revenue report the number of persons assessed in 1876 by the General Government, as dealers in liquors, as 5,338, but this includes druggists, who, as a rule, are not assessed under the State law; while in 1874 the number assessed was 6,444, showing a decrease of 1,106 in two years. It is evident therefore, that the act of 1875 has decreased the number of places where liquor is sold very largely.

As many of the persons assessed have retired from the business, and others have been assessed for periods less than a year, I estimate from the reports that there are about 4,000 places for the sale of liquors in the State.

The official reports of the police officers of the cities of Detroit, Grand Rapids, East Saginaw, and Jackson, report 3,974 arrests for drunkenness in 1874, 3,232 in 1875, and 2,228 for 1876. This decrease of drunkenness and of places where humanity is made barter of, and dollars traded for degradation, must be gratifying to every citizen. The reports show very generally that behind this law there stands a public sentiment that says, enforce it. There are counties, however, as shown by the reports for 1876, in which it has not been properly enforced. This is notably the case in Bay, Houghton, Ingham, Jackson, Kent, Lapeer, Marquette, St. Clair, Saginaw, and Wayne counties. Some of the officers, whose business it is to enforce the law, have lost sight of the restrictive and restraining idea underlying it, and rather than close up the business, have fostered it by accepting monthly payments on account. I find this system in vogue quite extensively. There is no time fixed in the law for the collection by the sheriff, or for return of warrant by him. I suggest, therefore, that the law be amended, giving the Treasurer a certain specified number of days in which he may receive the tax, giving to the sheriff not exceeding thirty days in which to collect, and five days additional in which to make his return. When his return is made, he should be required to furnish a copy of it to the Prosecuting Attorney of the county, whose duty it should be to commence proceedings at once in all cases where the tax has not been paid. The Treasurer should also furnish monthly lists, of persons who have failed to file the bonds required under the law, to the Prosecuting Attorney for prosecution.

Summary process for the absolute removal of any officer, neglecting his duties

under this law, should be provided for. These details of administration ought not to be needed, but there seems to be something peculiar regarding this business, and it requires tying up tight. The police regulations, in my opinion, should be so amended as to prohibit the sale of any kind of intoxicating liquors on election day, and after eleven o'clock at night. There is a vast amount of liquor sold in drug and confectionary stores, without the payment of the tax. The only remedy that I can suggest is to place them under the provisions of the law and tax them. I believe that with these amendments the law will be found, year by year, more and more restraining in its tendencies, and more productive of good to the people. It has already closed over two thousand places where liquor has been sold, and has put into the common treasury nearly a million of dollars from the traffic.

The spring is no higher than its source, and no law that has not the sympathy and sentiment of the people acting with it, will ever remedy an evil. If a community do not regard temperance, sobriety, and good morals as a necessity to their well-being, the law will do them but little good,—while to the friends of good order, public peace and private content, it will prove a blessing.

Intemperance is the danger of the hour. It feeds prison and poor-house; destroys morals and manhood; and, cancer-like, eats away the life of the individual and nation. Law will not stop its ravages, but it may be made an instrument that will lessen its evil work, and this I believe our present law is doing. It should be strengthened and improved, bearing in mind that its provisions should be kept within the pale of public sentiment, and within the range of the common sense of justice that so universally prevails in the minds of the people.

The sudden and severe illness in my family that calls me away, has prevented me from preparing the report of the Centennial exhibit made by the State. I shall be compelled to defer it until my return, and ask my successor to transmit it to you.

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

In closing my official connection with the State, I cannot refrain from expressing my sincere gratitude to my fellow citizens of all opinions and parties for the kindly consideration they have always shown me. I shall bear it with me as a precious memory. I have faith that with good laws, equal justice, and general education as the foundation stone, we shall build here a State that will in material wealth and in the moral and mental worth of her citizenship, stand forever as the handiwork of a free people.

JOHN J. BAGLEY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 3, 1877. }

The following documents accompanied the message in the form of an appendix:

ABSTRACT

OF COUNTY TREASURERS' FIRST ANNUAL REPORTS OF COLLECTIONS OF LIQUOR TAX, TO AUDITOR GENERAL, UNDER ACT NO. 228, 1875.

COUNTIES.	DISTILLED LIQUORS.				MALT LIQUORS.								AGGREGATE.	Amount of Tax Assessed but not Collected.		
	At Wholesale.		At Retail.		Total.		At Wholesale.		At Retail.		Total.					
	No. of Dealers.	Am't of Tax Collected.	No. of Dealers.	Am't of Tax Collected.	No. of Dealers.	Am't of Tax Collected.	No. of Dealers.	Am't of Tax Collected.	No. of Dealers.	Am't of Tax Collected.	No. of Dealers.	Am't of Tax Collected.			No. of Dealers.	Am't of Tax Collected.
Alcona.....	4	\$668 26	4	\$668 26	1	\$40 00	1	\$40 00	1	\$40 00	1	\$40 00	5	\$668 26	\$1,420 40	
Allegan.....	43	9,196 25	43	4,196 25	1	435 98	14	435 98	3	\$150 00	2	100 00	61	4,780 23	a	
Alpena.....	18	2,700 00	18	2,700 00	3	130 00	3	130 00	8	100 00	2	220 00	23	2,920 00	a	
Antrim.....	8	412 18	8	412 18	1	40 00	1	40 00	1	50 00	2	90 00	5	502 18	a	
Baraga.....	11	1,259 58	11	1,259 58	7	240 00	7	240 00	1	50 00	8	290 00	19	1,549 58	a	
Barr.....	23	2,882 41	23	2,882 41	4	183 49	4	183 49	4	204 00	4	183 49	27	3,063 93	a	
Bay.....	125	14,597 50	127	15,197 50	3	\$800 00	51	1,488 34	4	204 00	28	1,988 34	183	17,195 84	a	
Benzie.....	4	187 50	4	187 50	6	80 00	6	80 00	1	50 00	6	130 00	10	317 50	a	
Berrien.....	55	6,831 45	56	6,918 70	1	100 00	14	541 63	1	50 00	16	691 63	72	7,610 33	a	
Branch.....	1	300 00	24	3,289 66	24	41 25	11	425 67	2	75 00	13	501 67	41	4,091 33	a	
Calhoun.....	51	7,019 64	51	7,019 64	16	593 18	4	171 25	1	50 00	20	765 44	71	7,788 06	a	
Cass.....	20	2,276 73	20	2,276 73	4	123 99	4	123 99	1	50 00	5	179 99	25	2,456 72	a	
Charlevoix.....	1	150 00	1	150 00	1	40 00	1	40 00	1	50 00	1	40 00	2	190 00	a	
Cheboygan.....	9	1,312 50	10	1,612 50	2	80 00	2	80 00	1	50 00	3	130 00	13	1,742 50	a	
Chippewa.....	5	1,350 00	9	1,350 00	4	180 00	4	180 00	1	50 00	4	180 00	13	1,610 00	a	
Clare.....	5	600 00	5	600 00	5	180 00	5	180 00	2	100 00	8	380 05	32	600 00	a	
Clinton.....	24	3,244 69	24	3,244 63	1	100 00	5	311 21	1	50 00	11	491 21	31	3,716 21	a	
Delta.....	18	2,625 00	20	3,225 00	1	100 00	9	405 17	1	50 00	14	553 17	36	3,080 03	a	
Eaton.....	22	2,924 86	22	2,924 86	13	405 17	13	405 17	1	\$150 00	1	\$150 00	36	3,080 03	a	
Emmet.....	7	674 25	7	674 25	1	40 00	1	40 00	8	40 00	1	40 00	8	714 25	a	
Enclave.....	56	7,250 57	57	7,690 07	15	461 07	3	102 00	1	\$80 00	23	1,023 07	80	8,613 14	a	
Genesee.....	1	300 00	1	300 00	4	400 00	1	50 00	1	50 00	2	150 00	10	1,362 50	a	
Glacier.....	7	912 50	7	912 50	1	100 00	1	100 00	1	50 00	6	713 26	21	2,773 74	a	
G. Traverse.....	21	2,773 74	21	2,773 74	1	100 00	4	563 26	1	50 00	90	3,604 62	182	16,357 90	a	
Hillsdale.....	21	3,243 44	21	3,243 44	1	100 00	86	3,908 99	1	50 00	8	323 33	323	2,390 83	a	
Houghton.....	89	11,928 28	92	12,653 23	1	273 33	1	273 33	1	50 00	8	800 24	74	6,619 20	a	
Huron.....	14	1,837 60	14	1,837 60	7	600 34	3	600 34	3	150 00	8	800 24	74	6,619 20	a	
Ingham.....	49	5,718 96	49	5,718 96	52	600 34	52	600 34	3	150 00	8	800 24	74	6,619 20	a	

Albion	10	290 85	56	0.177 87	387 85
Albion	3	73 34	25	3.173 35	316 88
Albion	1	24 47	15	1.462 87	
Albion	41	1,463 87	127	10,000 88	46 81
Albion	19	841 67	66	9,704 08	814 00
Albion	72	2,711 34	229	28,267 73	68 21
Albion	53	1,116 65	53	3,046 03	607 50
Albion	25	531 37	67	3,508 52	9,925 73
Albion	8	210 00	8	760 00	
Albion	38	1,745 92	105	10,327 77	85 67
Albion	6	294 32	40	4,409 08	288 88
Albion	1	90 70	7	1,697 60	75 00
Albion	44	1,935 52	85	5,921 55	836 67
Albion	13	553 36	42	4,458 36	450 00
Albion	67	2,250 37	178	13,850 90	5,373 85
Albion	10	100 00	32	1,100 00	130 00
Albion	4	148 60	32	3,371 68	8 39
Albion	7	298 80	80	3,399 97	900 00
Albion	8	40 00	14	882 50	474 19
Albion	85	1,415 02	71	5,708 84	648 57
Albion	91	658 53	106	1,911 91	150 00
Albion	3	108 31	94	3,033 34	291 24
Albion	80	1,029 52	12	8,115 56	1,132 50
Albion	6	270 00	13	1,474 80	512 75
Albion	2	80 00	24	2,433 75	160 00
Albion	14	576 67	66	7,772 32	900 00
Albion	3	140 00	1	740 00	75 00
Albion	139	4,433 36	321	28,066 11	236 06
Albion	11	443 36	32	2,485 40	6,179 39
Albion	13	638 31	31	3,010 08	3,352 54
Albion	53	1,938 25	131	12,591 36	130 00
Albion	4	10 75	50	291 50	1,068 78
Albion	9	360 00	27	2,405 00	291 50
Albion	7	251 68	38	3,241 03	439 16
Albion	69	2,466 78	124	11,690 98	800 00
Albion	5	1,000 00	5	1,000 00	463 10
Albion	4	120 00	12	85,545 18	12,580 46
Albion	7	1,201 63	4,000	437,705 52	300 00
Albion	7	1,201 63	4,000	437,705 52	49,767 68

2 Not reported.
3 "The amount of interest collected was so small—not to exceed \$3.00 or \$4.00—that no account was kept of it."—Dep. Co. Treas.
4 "No interest has been paid to me on account of Liquor Tax; the sheriff has always retained the same as a part of his fees."—Co. Treas.
5 "There has been no interest paid to me by sheriff, and I do not know that he has collected any."—Co. Treas.

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COUNTIES.	Wholesale.	Retail Liquor.	Retail Beer and Wines.	Brewer and Wholesale Dealers in Malt Liquors.	Paid.	Unpaid.	Amount Collected.	Amount Uncollected.
Alcona.....								
Allegan.....		50	14	3	60	7	\$5,742 82	\$367 50
Alpena.....		28	3	2	25	6	2,620 00	
Antrim.....		5	1	1			502 24	
Baraga.....		11	7	1	19	19	1,549 58	30 00
Barry.....		27	6				3,208 10	100 00
Bay.....	2	142	48	6	169	29	18,176 32	
Benzie.....		4	6	1			363 86	
Berrien.....	1	62	15	1	72	7	7,898 24	
Branch.....	1	32	17	2	52		4,398 76	
Calhoun.....		53	18	3	74		7,908 51	
Cass.....		19	4	1	23	1	1,938 09	106 00
Charlevoix.....		1	1		2		190 00	
Cheboygan.....	1	10	2	1	14		1,742 50	
Chippewa.....		9	4		13		1,510 10	
Clare.....		5			5		750 00	
Clinton.....		25	9	2	36		3,734 55	
Delta.....	2	27	9	1	21	8	3,716 21	
Eaton.....		20	13	1	34		3,257 44	
Emmet.....								
Genesee.....	1	51	27	4	83		8,746 83	
Gladwin (none).....								
Grand Traverse.....	1	7		2			1,362 50	
Gratiot.....		24	3		23	4	3,184 14	150 00
Hillsdale.....	1	25	15	1	42		3,959 53	
Houghton.....	3	116	89	5	209	4	17,564 54	
Huron.....		14	6	1	21		2,260 83	
Ingham.....		51	27	3	68	10	6,511 20	
Ionia.....		45	6	1	52		6,230 79	
Iosco.....		23	2		24	1	3,212 53	
Isabella.....		18	1				1,462 37	
Isle Royale.....								
Jackson.....	3	81	39	4	120	7	13,214 60	402 19
Kalamazoo.....	6	60	18	3	85	2	10,253 31	
Kalkaska.....		1			1		150 00	
Kent.....	10	103	63	10	243		27,061 53	

ABSTRACT.—CONTINUED.

COUNTIES.	Wholesale.	Retail Liquor.	Retail Beer and Wines.	Brewer and Wholesale Dealers in Malt Liquors.	Paid.	Unpaid.	Amount Collected.	Amount Uncollected.
Keweenaw		20	31	2	53		\$3,046 65	\$607 50
Lake		2			2		212 50	
Lapeer	1	52	25	1	67	12	5,800 61	
Leelanaw		4	3	1	8		760 00	
Lenawee		74	42	4	120		10,696 80	
Livingston		35	7		40	2	4,410 74	
Mackinac		8	1				662 50	87 00
Macomb		36	42	4	82		6,712 59	
Manistee	1	28	11	1	39	3	4,606 99	
Manitou								
Marquette *	3	186	109	5			13,906 78	
Mason	1	29	9	1	38	2	4,099 00	
Mecosta		25	4		26	3	3,269 57	
Menominee	1	26	5	3	31	4	3,480 32	490 00
Midland		11	3		10	4	1,202 50	
Missaukee								
Monroe		35	29	2	66		5,648 44	
Montcalm		44	10	1	49	6	5,211 97	363 93
Muskegon		92	22	1	115		11,872 50	
Newaygo		24	2		26		3,145 87	
Oakland		64	23	2	85	1	8,115 95	512 75
Oceana		8	0	1	14	1	1,005 58	
Ogemaw		1			1		150 00	
Ontonagon		13			13		1,732 49	
Osceola	1	17	2		15	5	2,503 38	
Otsego								
Ottawa	3	57	10	3	70	3	7,973 17	
Presque Isle								
Roscommon		1			1		150 00	
Saginaw	4	203	134	12	292	61	30,586 46	
Sanilac		23	14	1			2,496 73	331 30
Schoolcraft		3			3		450 00	
Shiawassee		25	21	2	48		3,163 55	
St. Clair	2	77	52	7	135	3	13,470 94	
St. Joseph		48	20	1	67	2	5,117 90	
Tuscola		21	10	1	29	3	2,315 63	
Van Buren		39	5	1			4,241 05	
Washtenaw		72	43	6	112	3	11,371 72	
Wayne	43	693	425	40	1,058	143	102,350 82	15,591 96
Wexford		8	2				1,052 11	
	92	3,223	1,496	163	4,215	364	461,462 92	\$19,640 03

* Fifty-one closed.

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COUNTIES.	Wholesale.	Retail Liquor.	Retail Beer and Wine.	Brewers and Wholesale Dealers in Malt Liquors.	Paid.	Unpaid.	Amount Collected.	Amount Uncollected.
Alcona.....		4	3		7		\$712 50	
Allegan.....	3	73	11	3	43	7	4,430 02	\$746 67
Alpena.....		21	2	2	16	9	2,093 75	
Antrim.....		4	1	1	3	3	350 00	
Baraga.....		11	6	1	16		1,505 00	
Barry.....		23	3		24	2	2,987 65	149 19
Bay.....	2	143	34	5	136	48	17,194 96	
Benzie.....		1	3				145 00	
Berrien.....	1	49	19	1	65	5	7,084 67	
Branch.....	1	30	10	2	42	1	4,807 03	139 17
Calhoun.....		39	20	3	62		6,699 42	
Cass.....		18	7	1	23	3	2,331 09	383 68
Charlevoix.....		1			1		150 00	
Cheboygan.....	1	12	1	1	15		2,032 08	
Chippewa.....		9	4		13		1,510 00	
Clare.....		6			4	2	600 00	300 00
Clinton.....		24	6	1	29	2	3,531 10	
Delta.....		6	21	1	28		1,952 50	
Eaton.....		20	10	1			2,958 38	286 50
Emmet.....								
Genesee.....	1	51	25	4			7,814 78	1,699 30
Gladwin.....								
Gratiot.....		19	3	19	19	3	2,229 55	558 79
Grand Traverse.....	1	8		2	11		1,597 00	
Hillsdale.....		25	10	1	36		3,701 22	
Houghton.....	3	84	94	3	130	54	11,875 10	
Huron.....		14	5	1	20		1,876 00	
Ingham.....	1	48	24	3	54	22	5,894 63	
Ionia.....		44	5		49		6,147 36	
Iosco.....		16	1		16	1	2,271 25	
Isabella.....		13	1			3	1,874 45	
Isle Royale.....								
Jackson.....	3	84	48	5	110	30	12,609 05	3,235 00
Kalamazoo.....	5	56	18	3	76	6	9,593 77	
Kalkaska.....		1			1		150 00	
Kent.....	9	165	69	6	220	29	21,248 64	

ABSTRACT.—CONTINUED.

COUNTIES.	Wholesale.	Retail Liquor.	Retail Beer and Wine.	Brewer and Wholesale Dealers in Malt Liquors.	Paid.	Unpaid.	Amount Collected.	Amount Uncollected.
Keweenaw.....		20	30	2			\$2,666 66	\$175 00
Lake.....		2	2		3	1	198 88	
Lapeer.....	1	39	10	1	21	30	2,685 56	
Leanswee.....		65	35	4	104		11,574 15	
Leelanaw.....		3	5	1	8	1	676 95	75 00
Livingston.....		38	13		48	3	5,311 95	
Mackinac.....		8	1				926 34	
Macomb.....		48	42	3	81	12	6,178 86	
Manistee.....	1	28	12				5,045 81	
Manitou.....								
Marquette*.....	3	144	98	5	135	115	9,151 42	
Mason.....	1	20	8	1	28	2	3,375 98	
Mecosta.....		31	4		30	5	3,434 16	
Menominee.....	1	18	6	2	27		3,142 50	
Midland.....		11	2		5	8	627 00	
Missaukee.....								
Monroe.....		28	25	2	30		5,385 00	
Montcalm.....		36	6		31	11	4,349 24	943 83
Muskegon.....		70	31				10,813 51	1,251 25
Newaygo.....		25	1		23	3	2,109 39	256 50
Oakland.....		54	31	3	75	13	8,801 90	
Oceana.....		9	5		13	1	1,265 41	
Ogemaw.....		1			1		150 00	
Ontonagon.....		8			8		1,350 00	
Osceola.....		18	4		17	5	1,849 62	
Otsego.....								
Ottawa.....	1	49	14	2	59	7	7,160 73	
Presque Isle.....								
Roscommon.....		1			1		150 00	
Saginaw.....	3	148	125	12	155	133	16,872 13	
Sanilac.....		17	14	1			2,462 19	386 97
Schoolcraft.....		1					50 00	
Shiawassee.....		20	23	1	36	8	3,308 46	
St. Clair.....	1	61	63	6	106	25	9,841 15	
St. Joseph.....		40	14	1	52	3	6,327 25	
Tuscola.....		14	9		21	2	1,941 51	
Van Buren.....		30	4	1			4,693 71	
Washtenaw.....		59	49	6	86	22	9,463 19	
Wayne.....	25	412	478	37	879	173	87,364 39	16,019 03
Wexford.....		12	2		11	3	1,335 92	
	68	2,710	1,614	161	3,385	816	\$384,387 01	\$26,501 88

Fifty-eight closed.

INDEBTEDNESS

OF THE CITIES OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 1, 1876.

Adrian.....	\$55,450 00
Alpena (none).....	-----
Aun Arbor.....	20,000 00
Bay City.....	421,500 00
Battle Creek.....	168,800 00
Big Rapids.....	66,600 00
Coldwater (none).....	-----
Corunna.....	23,300 00
Detroit.....	2,480,900 00
East Saginaw.....	645,143 62
Flint.....	120,000 00
Grand Rapids.....	560,000 00
Grand Haven.....	24,000 00
Greenville.....	28,000 00
Hillsdale.....	36,100 00
Ionla.....	36,174 34
Ishpeming.....	19,000 00
Jackson.....	214,200 00
Lausing.....	171,800 00
Lapeer.....	23,156 00
Ludington.....	7,200 00
Manistee.....	19,700 00
Marshall.....	52,400 00
Marquette.....	170,000 00
Mason.....	5,000 00
Monroe.....	29,000 00
Muskegon.....	205,925 00
Niles.....	26,000 00
Owosso.....	13,871 43
Port Huron.....	421,560 00
Pontiac.....	34,100 00
Saginaw.....	258,500 00
Ypsilanti.....	82,550 00
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	\$6,584,590 48

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE PIONEER SOCIETY.

OFFICE OF THE
PIONEER SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
Lansing, October 2, 1876.

HON. JOHN J. BAGLEY, *Governor of Michigan* :

Sir.—In compliance with the requirements of Act No. 209, Session Laws of 1875, being an Act to provide an appropriation for the benefit of the "Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan," for the years 1875 and 1876, I have the honor to present you the following report:

The members of the Pioneer Society present at the annual meeting held in February, 1875, voted that the proceedings of the society and the materials collected relating to the history of the State both past and present, should be preserved in a permanent form.

It was proposed to continue the society as a State institution and one that should be fostered and assisted by the State government itself. The Legislature was therefore memorialized to make an appropriation of \$500 per annum for the benefit of the society.

The appropriation was made, and the Act approved May 3, 1875.

A business meeting of the society was not held until the regular annual meeting in February, 1876, at which time the society appointed a committee of five historians, whose duty it should be to prepare and publish a volume of "Pioneer Collections."

The historians met on the 28th of February, 1876, and decided that the proceedings of the State Society, from its organization to the present time, should be published in the first volume of the "Pioneer Collections," and also issued a "General Circular" to the pioneers of Michigan, and a "Circular Letter," with a view of collecting the proper materials for insertion in this volume.

In answer to the circulars, the historians have collected and arranged ready for publication, much interesting and valuable matter pertaining to the early history of our State.

It is desirable that this volume should be published, and that an annual or biennial publication should be continued.

The report of the finances of the society commences with the quarter beginning July 1, 1875.

FINANCES.

	DR.
By cash on hand June 30, 1875,.....	\$142 50
" membership fees received from July 1, 1875, to Sept. 30, 1876,.....	116 00
" interest received,.....	11 70
" cash received of the appropriation for 1875,.....	250 00
Total,.....	\$520 20
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To disbursements from July 1, 1875, to Sept. 20, 1876,.....	\$162 35
" cash on hand Sept. 30, 1876,.....	357 85
Total,.....	\$520 20

The itemized vouchers, showing the receipts and disbursements of the same, have been placed on file in the Auditor General's office; also, duplicates of the same with the Secretary of the Society, in compliance with the requirements of Act No. 148, Session Laws of 1873.

It will be seen from the statement of the finances that only \$250 of the appropriation for 1875 have been drawn from the treasury of the State, the society not being in a condition to use it as required by the law. It has consequently been lost to the society.

The appropriation of \$500 for the year 1876 will probably be expended by the committee of historians before the close of the year.

As before stated a continuation of the publication of the "Pioneer Collections" is considered important, consequently a further appropriation by the Legislature will be needed.

The society now numbers 301 members.

JONATHAN SHEARER, President.

COUNTY AGENTS

OF THE BOARD OF STATE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF CHARITABLE, PENAL, PAUPER AND REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS.

YEAR.	NAMES OF AGENTS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	COUNTY.
1874	McMahon, James.....	July 20,.....	Washtenaw.
"	Russell, Hartwell S.....	August 10,.....	Lenawee.
"	Hyde, Oscar F.....	December 18,.....	Kent.
1875	Shank, Hulbert B.....	March 20,.....	Ingham.
"	Morris, Sylvester S.....	" 20,.....	Ottawa.
"	Pierce, I. Clark.....	April 20,.....	Branch.
"	Mott, Charles E.....	May 8,.....	Hillsdale.
"	Brownell, Thomas C.....	" 8,.....	Kalamazoo.
"	Hyde, A. O.....	June 6,.....	Calhoun.
"	Dawson, Thomas.....	" 11,.....	Macomb.
"	Stout, Stephen S.....	" 23,.....	Allegan.
"	Ireland, Silas.....	July 7,.....	Berrien.
"	Barter, John.....	" 13,.....	Saginaw.
"	Miller, Albert.....	" 31,.....	Bay.
"	Graves, Benjamin F.....	October 16,.....	Mecosta.
"	Foster, John N.....	November 22,.....	Mason.
"	Smith, Bradford.....	" 26,.....	Wayne.
"	Wands, H. P.....	December 1,.....	St. Clair.
"	O'Donnell, James.....	" 13,.....	Jackson.
1876	Stevenson, William.....	January 13,.....	Genesee.
"	Hale, David B.....	February 11,.....	Eaton.
"	Dewey, George M.....	March 6,.....	Barry.
"	Bates, Alfred G.....	" 11,.....	Monroe.
"	Miller, Richard C.....	" 25,.....	Montcalm.
"	Van Auken, A.....	April 1,.....	Van Buren.
"	Sibley, Frank C.....	August 5,.....	Ionia.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AGENTS OF STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES.

—, Michigan, December 5, 1870.

To Hon. J. J. Bagley. Detroit, Mich.:

MY DEAR SIR:—Yours of November 20 has been received but a short time, and I improve the earliest opportunity to reply. My experience in regard to the workings of this law has not been so full as that perhaps of some living in the larger cities. Still, I have not been without some experience. I think there can be no question as to the real economy of this law. I believe that the expense attending the agency of this county has not exceeded \$50 during the past year, and has been the means of keeping two boys out of the Reform School during a minority sentence, getting a poor girl out of our county house into a home, and this would not have been brought about only through some similar agency.

One of the boys belonged to a very hard family, but had a good heart. Public sentiment was against him. It seemed to be so strong that but for my learning the fact that a relative in a distant city would gladly give him a home, he would have been sent to the Reform School. But I secured a suspension of sentence and sent him away to a distant home with good surroundings, certainly saving to the State in this one case more than the entire cost of the agency in this county for a year.

Another boy entirely without criminal intent was, on account of a family quarrel between his parents and the parents of another boy about his age (10 years) inveigled into a fight, and this was persevered in several times, until they could make it appear that it was an aggravated case of assault, for which he was arrested, and which I got let off. There was sufficient influence in the prosecution of this case to have sent him also to the Reform School, and he was arrested with the avowed intent.

I have now in my school room a boy 14 years of age who has only been kept from a criminal course during the past few months by his feeling that as State agent I had some authority over him, and upon his knowing that his father had consulted me regarding the matter of having him arrested unless he gave up his bad life and devoted himself to school. His parents are wealthy, and a good family.

A girl of sixteen has been in the Poor House for about two years, is not entirely *compos mentis*, but still somewhat capable. The lady having charge of the house always kept insisting that she could not get a home for her, but finally said she could not spare her as she needed her help, and I found it no small trouble to secure her release even after a home in a good family had been secured.

(This last is a local case involving some prominent parties, but of course the use you desire to make is in a general way, not referring, I presume, even to the county by name where the cases occur.)

I have also been consulted by a good many parents who had wayward children likely to finally go into criminal life, and they seem to feel that they are through this agency brought into a line of communication with the State Institutions very much more desirable than through the court officers, and in some instances have been asked to come and see a wayward boy and let him understand as though coming from an officer instead of a mere friend what the result of his course would be, their feeling seeming to be that the children had more respect for the suggestions than in case of the local officials with whom they are quite apt to be on familiar terms.

I have told you what seems to be of any value in my slight experience so far. The

people I believe have faith in its good workings. We do not need a Reform School for girls, and I know your heart is in that, so that nothing need be said to you in its advocacy.

I am yours, very truly,

—, Michigan, December 5, 1876.

Hon. John J. Bagley :

MY DEAR GOVERNOR:—In answer to your letter of the 20th ult., I have to say, that in this county the workings of the law appointing a county agent for the Board of Charitable, Pauper, Reformatory and Penal Institutions are not very apparent, except in the one particular of looking after the interests of children who have been bound out by public officers. There has been a criminal charge made against only one child under sixteen years of age in this county during the past year. And in this case the boy was arrested for burglary before any notice was given me. To that case I gave the most careful attention, but could not find any good farmer who was willing to take the boy, as three had already tried him, but neither of them could do anything with him. He was abandoned by father, and his mother was stricken with a paralytic stroke at his birth and has been unable to care for herself since, and is at present dependent on the charity of her relatives for support, her husband having placed his property beyond the reach of the law and left for parts unknown. This boy I took to the Reform School, under sentence of Judge Hoyt. But I have hopes of securing for him a home with his grandfather at no distant day, provided the Board of Control will consent.

There are seven apprenticed children in our county. I have visited all of them, and in one case caused the child to be sent to school pursuant to the terms of the contract. The others were all well cared for.

At present, I am arranging with two substantial farmers to take from the State Public School at Coldwater, each a boy, and expect they will be called for very soon. One boy has been recently sent from that School to reside with —, and is reported to be a good boy.

Complaint was made to me a few days since, that the young sons of a Mr. —, of this city, were in a destitute condition, without the necessary clothes or books to enable them to attend school. I at once inquired into the facts in the case, had the boys cared for, and they are now in school.

As this law becomes better understood, I have no doubt its workings in our rural district will be productive of great good, by preventing crime and pauperism; and I deem it of incalculable good in our large cities.

Yours, very truly,

—, Mich., December 7, 1876.

Hon. John J. Bagley.

DEAR SIR:—There have been few charges brought against minors under sixteen years in this county since my appointment. At least they have not been brought to my notice. None have been tried and sent to the Reform School. There was, in February, a charge of larceny brought against a boy under twelve years. His father (his mother was dead) seemed to think he had done all he could for the boy, and that there was no course to pursue but to get him sentenced to the Reform School. Upon investigation I became convinced that the fault was not so much in the unusual depravity of the boy, as the want of wholesome discipline, and kind, loving home influence. The result was, the father was encouraged to persevere in an effort to obtain a good home for the child, where he would be surrounded by good influences, and the mind and heart directed and stimulated to noble aims. He is now, I learn, doing finely, attending school, satisfied with his home, with fair prospects of usefulness.

Perhaps I am too sympathetic, but I can't help feeling deeply for the neglected little ones. They need the protection of loving arms, and kind hearts, and wise heads. It is but justice that the little unfortunates should be tenderly cared for. Our State is doing a noble work in that direction, but there is room for more.

Yours, truly,

P. S.—My apology for this delay is: wrote to find out more about the boy —, whether our experiment with him was a success or failure. I feel that it has proved successful so far.

—, Mich., November 30, 1876.

Hon. John J. Bagley, Detroit, Mich.:

DEAR SIR:—I have just received yours of the 20th inst. As to the law you refer to, I do not see but it works well except for one thing: There is no penalty attached if the courts fail to notify the agent. There has been two cases in this county to my knowledge where the justice failed to notify. Should this become a general practice, the law in this respect would be a failure. Some of the magistrates say: We do not know your address. The County Clerk should be required to give the agent's address in his notice to the magistrate.

I believe it will be a saving to the people of the State, from \$75 to \$150 for every case where a child is kept out of our State institutions by the workings of this law, besides other good effects. If we indulge too freely in sending them up, our Institutions would soon be filled to overflowing. There are some wayward children that seem to be given to theft, and so constituted that they cannot be controlled by ordinary means, and the public good requires that they should not go at large. These are the kind to go to our Public Institutions, and no others, in my opinion. I have known boys in my acquaintance that were bad, mischievous boys, and would commit small crimes occasionally; after they grew up were the best of citizens. Take one of these boys up to one of these institutions as a criminal until he is twenty-one years of age: he now feels that there is a stain upon his character that he can never get rid of. Unfit, he thinks, to go into good society, depends on his labor for his support, calls on some proprietor for work. He asks where are you from? He must lie, or say: I am from the House of Correction; or, the Reform School. His answer will be: I do not want to hire, to-day. He meets with the same answer a few times. He feels cast down and degraded, falls in with some of the inmates of our small hells, to be found in nearly every town and city in our land, becomes a drunkard or a gambler, or seeks some unlawful means for a support.

I think the public authorities ought to be very careful how they dispose of these juvenile offenders. Be patient with them. Do not send them up for every little misdemeanor. Exhaust every means in our power to reform them at home first. We can save a few. We ought to rejoice more over one thus saved, than a dozen that did not need this saving grace.

You ask, does it have a good effect on the parents? I think it has in two instances under my observation: First. A man in—complained of his son, eleven years old. He said the boy had taken or stolen at two different times the sum of seven or eight dollars from him, and spent it foolishly, ran about the streets, did not go to school, etc. The magistrate gave me notice. By the time I arrived there the father had repented of his course (although a little hard himself, I think). He and the boy had settled the difficulty; the boy had agreed to do better, was at school, and everything was going off nicely. Here, I think, the law had some good effect on the parent, and the boy, also. Had this case not been delayed until I could get there, the boy would have been tried, on the spur of the moment, and sent up, I think. The other was a boy, arrested near —, in this county, twelve years of age, for assisting to steal a cow worth \$50. The father and mother felt very indignant towards him at first, and thought he ought to be sent to the House of Correction. Some four days after we appeared before the Justice. The parents had had time to take a second, sober thought, had never known of the son committing a criminal offense before, and was over persuaded by another boy eighteen years of age in this, thought it would be a terrible state of affairs to send him up until he was twenty-one years of age, perhaps, and even the complaining witness did not appear against him. He said he knew it was wrong to take the cow, and he never would do so any more. We turned him over to his parents, and they went off rejoicing. This, I think, had some good effect on the parents. The boy is all right, and now lives in Indiana with his parents, who are poor. Had he been tried at first, he would have been sent up sure, in my opinion. These two cases will be a saving to the State as above stated, besides the boys may make good citizens, and not have the stigma of a criminal attached to them.

Again, in one or two instances the parties aggrieved have come to me in the first place to get my opinion. I thought them to be small matters, and they were stopped right there, to a saving to the people, and the offenders are doing well.

I have now said more than I expected to when I began, and it may not be any information to you, or perhaps of but little interest. Hoping it may be favorably received, I remain,

Yours, most respectfully,

—, Mich., November 25, 1876.

Hon. John J. Bagley :

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 20th, asking my views of the working of the law for the care of children, was received yesterday. In reply I have to say that so few cases have arisen under the law in this county that I feel incompetent to judge of the general effect.

There are but three children in the county from State School, two girls and one boy, all sent to Coldwater from Poor-houses. The girls would most likely (unless cared for in some better way than is usual at a county Poor-house) have grown up paupers or worse than paupers. The boy would soon have been old enough to care for himself. Judging from his history as told by himself, was as likely to prove a criminal as anything else. Now, I think that chances are, that all of them will (if life is spared) make useful citizens, for I *know* that each has a good home.

There have been but three cases of juvenile offenders. Two were boys, charged with petty crimes. In both cases the boys pleaded guilty. After conversing with the lads and their friends, I advised their discharge under suspended sentence, after having obtained from each boy, as well as their friends, promises of future good behavior. All are doing well so far,—*saved, I hope*. The third case was that of a bright, energetic, but ungoverned girl, under fifteen years of age, charged by her father with being wayward, and completely beyond his control, and rapidly going to ruin. I immediately saw the magistrate, the father, and girl, found her as represented, and with pride enough to *build on*. After some conversation, gained her confidence so far that she gave me her history, which commenced with loss of mother early in life. Step-mother followed; or, as she says, a woman took her mother's place, and remained there until a year or two since; then father and woman separated and she undertook to keep house for him, and did so until his course was such that she could not stay longer with him, since which time she worked at various places as she could find them; admits she is not and *will* not be controlled by him in any way, prison is preferable. I learned by some old acquaintances who have employed her that she is a good worker, and kind hearted. One lady said to me this: "If you can get that girl away from her associates in this town, and place her in some good family, she will be saved, for she is smart, and has pride enough left to build on." In this case proceedings were stopped, and, with her assent, guardian appointed with advice of Judge of Probate. She is now bound in a good family where we hope she will grow into a respectable woman.

Ought not the State to furnish some other place than House of Correction for young female petty criminals?

There is little doubt that the money the State has invested in Reform School and State Public School will pay a large per cent. in diminished cost of pauperism and crime, and still greater saving in what is more valuable to the State than money, many youths who will make good and useful citizens.

Very truly, yours,

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—, Mich., November 28, 1876.

DEAR GOVERNOR:—I am in receipt of yours of November 20th, inquiring relative to the workings of the laws on Penal, Pauper and Reformatory Institutions as far as my experience and observation as County Agent may have impressed me.

You will see by looking over the reports from this county that the number of cases requiring my attention have been but few. We have sent one boy from the Poor House to the State School. I asked and obtained the privilege of taking him there that I might see the Institution in its regular working order, and that I might know what the State was doing for these unfortunates, and I was agreeably entertained. I could not do justice in an attempt to set forth the merits of the School. I can only say that all was in good order, and everything was well done, and I regard it as Michigan's noblest charity, for here I found a multitude of orphan children, transferred from the degradation of pauperism to a respectable position, where they are trained and fitted for honorable and useful citizenship.

We have had three examinations of boys guilty of offenses. Two were committed to the Reform School, and the other one we had prepared to bind out to a respectable farmer, but he with his father went away to Canada from whence they came.

The intervention of the agent, which was considered by many to be a useless provision, is now regarded as a wise mediation, adapting the specific remedy for the evil, and by a proper discrimination, may save many juvenile offenders from the degradation that a strict infliction of law may impose, which requires an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, in all cases.

I think that if our people were better acquainted with this subject, it would meet universal favor. Would it not be well for some one familiar with the whole matter to present an article occasionally in the newspapers, setting forth all the material public interests pertaining to these institutions? With my limited experience, I cannot make out such a case as may benefit you. I venture my opinions as an encouragement for a continuance in well doing.

Yours, respectfully,

—, Mich., November 25, 1876.

To His Excellency, John J. Bagley :

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 20th inst. is at hand. In reply will say I think the law is a good one if strictly adhered to. I have had nine or ten cases in the last year. In two or three cases it has worked well. One boy was brought before the Court, with two others. After having made due inquiry, I found that his father was an industrious man. Working in a machine shop, he had paid but little attention to his son. The consequence was, he was led astray by bad boys. I interviewed his parents. They said if he could be let off for that time, they would attend to him. I recommended that he be returned home, which was done. Since then have heard no complaints, but hear he is doing well, and, I think, saved. His parents are very thankful. There are several cases of a similar kind.

Yours, very truly,

—, Mich., November 28, 1876.

Hon. John J. Bagley, Detroit, Mich. :

DEAR GOVERNOR:—Yours of 20th inst. came to hand some days ago. I have been unable to answer until to-day. Since I have been the Agent for this county for the Board of State Commissioners for the General Supervision of Charitable, Penal, Pauper, and Reformatory Institutions of this State, very few cases have come under my observation. I think there are no children indentured or placed in charge of any person in this county by either of the Charitable, Penal, Pauper or Reformatory Institutions of this State, so that I am unable to judge from actual experience of the workings of the third and fourth sections of the statute of 1873, that you refer to in your letter. My own judgment, however, is that these sections of the statute referred to, and their practical application, are essential to the well-being and prosperity of orphan children indentured or placed in charge of persons under this law, or under any other circumstances, where no parents or relatives are left to look after their welfare.

I have had some experience in dealing with cases under the second section of this statute. Its effect, I think to be very beneficial, both in saving expense to the State and the better care of children, in some cases by their parents. In one case that I now call to my mind, is where three children were arrested upon a charge of burglary and larceny that must have consigned them to the State Reform School had not this statute been enacted. These children were the off-spring of Swedish parents. They were arrested and lodged in jail. My attention was called to the case both as State Agent and Prosecuting Attorney. After a full consultation with the parents and the Court, I recommended that they be returned to the custody of their parents, and I think them better off than they would have been in the Reform School, and certainly the State is the gainer. And all cases that have come under my observation, and my experience as Prosecuting Attorney for four years last past, lead me to the conclusion that the Legislature acted wisely in enacting this statute, and I am strong in the faith that this statute should be retained and every effort made to carry it into effect.

I should be glad were I in a situation to give you more information of the workings of the statute, but my limited experience under this law must be my excuse.

Very respectfully,

—, Mich., Nov. 29, 1876.

Hon. John J. Bagley, Detroit :

Yours of the 20th received, but as I had a case on my hands, thought I would wait until I could report, as this has been the first which I have had to do with. It was a boy about 14 years of age; he had been stealing and had stole before, and proved to be a very bad boy in other ways. He was sent to the Reform School, which as I and the people of his village thought would be best for him. As you see, I have had so

little experience that I cannot give a satisfactory report of the matter, but cannot see why, in many cases will be successful, and be a saving in money to our State.

Yours, truly,

_____, Nov. 20, 1876.

Hon. John J. Bagley, Governor:

DEAR SIR:—In compliance with your request of the 20th inst., I have the honor to submit the following as a part of the workings of the law, as I have observed it, under which I have been working. I do not know that I can throw any better light upon the subject, than by illustrating one of the cases that came under my notice.

Last spring I received a communication from one of the justices of the peace of _____, notifying me that four little girls, not sisters, had been arrested, charged with the crime of larceny; the oldest was thirteen, the youngest eleven years. I investigated the surroundings of the case and found the parents of all the children to be Bohemians; all appeared to be in comfortable circumstances in life, but could not speak English. Not trusting to the children, who could all both read and speak English, to interpret for me, I procured an interpreter, and told the parents who and what I was appointed for. They were pleased and said, "Now our children will be protected." They told me how good their children were to go to school and to work. I then took the four children together and told them to tell me the truth, and if they did not I should certainly find it out. I then took each one separate and apart and examined them, and found that their stories all agreed, and the following is the story as related by them:

The four girls on coming home from school passed a house in which an old negro woman had been living. One of the girls looked in at the window, and saw that no person was living there. She called to the other three, saying the old woman had moved out and they would find some playthings. So they all went to the back part of the house and found the back door open. They went in, found some old broken earthen flower-pots, old hoop-skirts, and a broken door bell. One of the girls took the bell, tied a string to the hammer of it, then let it down the well to draw up a drink of water, and in the operation the string parted and left the bell in the bottom of the well. This frightened the girls and they gave a scream and ran away. One of the neighbors who saw the transaction, told the negro woman of it, who got her son-in-law to have the girls arrested for stealing her door bell, hoop-skirts, etc., placing a value on them of eight dollars. After hearing their story I made enquiry of the neighbors, who gave the girls the best of characters. I then found the complainant, who was a mulatto. I reasoned with him and told him I did not think the children had any idea of stealing, that the articles taken were of no value; that if he persisted in his prosecution it would cost the county at least one hundred dollars, and cloud the children's names forever. He then agreed that if I would see that the costs were paid he would withdraw his complaint, as he already regretted the steps he had taken. I then told the parents of the children what I had done; that if they would pay the costs that would be the end of the case. This they at once did, and a more thankful set of people could hardly be found. They thanked me, and said I had prevented themselves and children from being disgraced.

One thing I have noticed in particular, and that is, when a child has been charged with a crime, and a trial by jury has been had, in some instances boys have escaped the punishment they deserved through the sympathy of the jury, for they almost invariably find them not guilty, and my opinion is that it might be better if the law on that point was changed, for it is impossible for the jury to know as much about the case as the agent, for in one or two instances I have found out from the accused before the trial that they were guilty, and yet the jury acquitted them.

Another case: A boy nine years of age was arrested for assault and battery on a little girl of six years. Upon an investigation of the matter I ascertained that the boy's mother had urged the boy to strike the little girl, because the two mothers had been quarreling violently and the boy's mother was the worst off, and in order to be revenged she made the boy give the little girl a whipping. After hearing the case, I got the two mothers together and reasoned with them, told them of the folly of such conduct, and that if continued might result in the death of one or the other of themselves or their children, or else make a great expense to the county. They both concluded I was right and begged me to settle the matter for them. This I did by having the mother of the boy pay the cost of the arrest, and both seemed perfectly satisfied.

You also ask me to report failures as well as successes. The only cases coming under my observation that I can call failures is in trials by jury, when I have known

by the confession of the accused of his guilt, when the jury have found a verdict of not guilty.

In answering your questions I can candidly say from my experience that,

1st. It is a saving of money to the county and State;

2d. It keeps children out of our public institutions;

3d. It has a good effect upon parents and upon the children themselves.

I have taken considerable pains in every case that I have had anything to do with, and I feel fully satisfied that it is a good law if properly carried out.

Hoping I have fully complied with all of your requests and that may prove satisfactory to you, I remain

Your obedient servant,

—, Nov. 27, 1876.

Hon. John J. Bagley, Governor:

DEAR SIR:—The law for the care of neglected and abandoned children, I regard as eminently humane and wise.

From its workings, I think it one of economy. In this county, four children have been taken from the State School, and have good homes. They will make good men and women. Without this law, they would not have thought of taking these little ones.

The effect of the law on parents is salutary. Parents of vicious children, I find, watch them closer, and heed the admonition to be firm, gentle and kind.

In this county, two little orphans were taken from the School, and taken into the family of ——. The little ones are loved and kindly treated, and will make useful women.

A boy was taken by ——. The little fellow is in the store when not at school, and is bright, active and smart. He will make a good man of business.

A little five-year-old girl was taken into the family of Mr. ——. and the child is one of the family, well treated and happy—a comfort to her adopted parents.

The working of the law as to vicious boys I cannot speak of here, as we have had the misfortune to deal with pretty hard cases. I had the penalty suspended on one boy, and got him a home, upon the promise from him that he would be a good boy. But he ran away, and I have not heard from him since. But I see that much good to humanity and society can be brought about by this law. Looking it all over, I think it one of the wisest enactments on our statutes, and its workings will demonstrate its value to the people and the State.

Very respectfully yours,

Governor Bagley:

DEAR SIR:—Yours of November 20th came duly to hand, and I will answer some of your questions as far as I can. "Is it a saving of money to the people of the State to keep children out of our public institutions?"

I have had thirty-five cases of arrest come before me under the provisions of the law of which you speak, and of that number four have been sent to the Reform School, and two to the House of Correction. I find in a large share of the cases, so far as my experience is concerned (to what seems to me to be true) an undue anxiety on the part of officers to have the offender sent up. A certain marshal said to me, if I did not send the boys up, he would be — if he would arrest another one. In almost all the cases coming before me, I find very much to warrant another trial before punishment.

Second. Does it have a good effect on parents? My opinion is, the effect is good. It seems to bring forcibly before the parent, his failure of duty, and in almost every case there seems to be an honest effort to save the child. And in a large majority of the cases the effort seems to be crowned with success. The principle of action with me is this: If the surroundings are good, or *even fair*, the chances of reformation at home and without the taint of conviction, is very much more hopeful than after conviction, and I send only on the third offense, as a rule, unless circumstances will warrant other action.

In all the above mentioned cases, the parties arrested (except two) have pleaded guilty, and the parents or guardians have paid the costs where they have not been sent up. By the way, I do recollect that there were two or three cases where the parents were so poor that I did not recommend that they should pay the costs.

I make it my business to inquire of the parents or guardians of these children whenever I have opportunity, and find that generally they are behaving themselves well. I also interest myself in finding places where they can obtain work, and earn an honest living.

The first arrest that was made after I was appointed agent, was January 30, 1874. Two of the boys that were sent to the Reform School, by my consent, are now at home, namely: ———, who was there about three months, and ———, who was there about one year. Both are now behaving well. Whether it has been a saving to the people of the State or not, you are better able to judge than I am.

Yours, respectfully,

———, Nov. 22, 1876.

Gov. John J. Bagley:

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 20th inst. came to hand in due time, contents noted. In reply allow me to say that I have sent you a report covering all the matter called for in your letter of inquiry, except the "history of cases to illustrate the working of the law." From many cases I will select a few that seemed the most hopeless.

1st. A German boy was arrested and sentenced to the Reform School until the age of twenty-one years. I found on examination, that his father was mainly instrumental in his arrest, conviction, and sentence, discovered to my satisfaction that the father was more at fault than the son. The sentence was suspended, the boy allowed to go home, the father fined five dollars, or made to pay the costs in the case, and a full reconciliation effected between father and son. Since then the father has been sick, and the boy, faithful to his word of "honor," has worked to assist his father, in fact, has been the main support of the family. He is obedient, keeps out of bad company, and will go to the evening school. The effect on the whole family seems to be good. The father has learned to be more considerate of the son, and the son recognizes his duty to his father, and his obligation to the State.

2d. Three Scotch lads, the terror of the whole neighborhood, were allowed to go home under suspended sentence, at which the policeman shook his head. But since then he has informed me that they have become the best behaved lads in the neighborhood. They attend Sunday school, and are obedient and industrious. I am also informed on good authority, that the whole family are very much improved.

3d. Four boys that were arrested for larceny, I found were acting for an old man, who was the *real guilty* party in the case. The boys were allowed to go home under suspended sentence, and the man was arrested, tried, and sentenced to the State Prison for five years. Since then the boys have conducted themselves well; worked for gardeners outside of the city, and are now in the city schools, instead of the Reform School.

4th. One case more must suffice, viz.: Six boys, nominally equally guilty, were brought to trial, but instead of sending them all to the Reform School, one only was sent. The other five were allowed to go home under suspended sentence, their parents promising to coöperate with me in their reformation. The other boy would have been given an equal chance with the others, had matters at home been hopeful, but on the contrary his father and mother did not think alike as to the treatment of their children. When they can agree with me as to the conduct of the boy, I shall ask for his release. The five boys discharged have surprised every body who knew them. They all attend day school, and keep out of bad company,—not being allowed to associate together as formerly. Their parents are delighted with the change for the better.

You ask: "Is it not a saving of money to the people of the State in keeping children out of the public institutions?" If they can be reformed, but much depends upon the agent. I think it has been a great saving in this county. It is self-evident that it costs less for a child to live at home than to live on the State. If half the boys that have come before me during the last year, who have been put under my care, had been sent to the Reform School, the expense to the State would have been thousands instead of hundreds of dollars. Much more could be accomplished if the agent in this county gave his whole time to this business.

2d. "Does it have any good effect upon the parents?" I think in some cases it has had a very good effect. I have taken an interest in the whole family, as it is of the highest importance that the home influence be good. Where the home is bad, the child will as a rule, be bad. I am much encouraged by the reports that come to me from many of these homes. And finally, I am more and more hopeful in regard to the operations of the law.

Respectfully yours,

PONTIAC, Nov. 11, 1876.

His Excellency, John J. Bagley, Detroit:

DEAR SIR:—I send you this preliminary memorandum of County Agents' reports. I have not Bradford Smith's. Have applied for it, but get no reply, and think he

may be absent. If you have it, as I think may be the case, as I have heard you refer to it, I will be glad if you will send it to me, so that I may tabulate its contents with the others. Of the 26 agents appointed, I have reports from 17, and will send those from whom I have not heard a second request.

Seventeen agents report 159 cases attended in the courts, of which 96 were released, generally to parents; 49 committed to Reform School; 2 fined; 2 bound out; 10 sent to Coldwater,—150. Average age, 13 years.

Offenses—95 for larceny; 18 for assault and battery; 11 for disorderly conduct; 10 for house-breaking; 9 for fighting; 1 for attempted rape; 5 for vagrancy; 10 not stated.

Yours very truly,

H. W. LORD, Sec'y.

—, Sept. 30th, 1876.

Gov. John J. Bagley:

DEAR SIR:—In accordance with your request, I submit to you a detailed report of the juvenile offenders of the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, that have been referred to me by the different courts of the —, county of —, since the seventh day of December, A. D. 1875, viz.:

Dec. 7, 1875, — was arrested for larceny, of which I was duly notified by the police justice. After an examination into his case, it was decided to suspend sentence upon him. He continued disobedient to his parents, and I caused him to be re-arrested and his confinement in the House of Correction for 60 days. He has since done quite well; he has learned to respect private and public authority,—a lesson he needs to learn. He seems now respectful and obedient.

Dec. 7, 1875, — was arrested for larceny. He is said to be doing well under suspended sentence.

Dec. 11, 1875, —, arrested for larceny, was also allowed to go home under suspended sentence. He is reported to me as doing well.

Dec. 11, 1875, —, sentenced to the Reform School, was allowed to go home under suspended sentence, and has been reported to me as a good and faithful boy.

Dec. 11, 1875, —, arrested for larceny, was set at liberty in the same way, and is doing well.

Jan. 3, 1876, —, arrested for larceny and sentence suspended, has since been sent to the House of Correction, and still continues to make me trouble, but doing better lately.

Jan. 3, 1876, —, a little boy eight years old; —, of the same age; and —, were all allowed to go home under suspended sentence. They were guilty of setting fire to a fence near the City Mills. They are all nice little boys.

Jan. 10, 1876, —, guilty of larceny, was allowed to go home under suspended sentence, but I think now the best place for him was in the Reform School, but I could not send him under the present law.

Jan. 13, 1876, —, only 8 years old, was arrested for assault with intent to kill. On a full investigation of the little boy's case, I became fully satisfied that great injustice had been done the orphan boy. I took him to my own home, and although he has given me much anxiety and no little trouble, I feel much encouraged about the little fellow. He supposed until about the time of his arrest that the people with whom he lived were his parents; imagine the grief of the boy when his supposed grandmother told him he had no right to be in what he had supposed to be his father's house. He had been adopted by Mrs. — when he was a mere babe, and had always called her mother, loved her as his own mother, and she loved him as her own son, as she told me on her death-bed, as I supposed. She felt more tenderly towards him than her own son. I have tried to find him a good home; he is now with a gentleman in this city.

Jan. 15, 1876, — was sent to the House of Correction and I have not known anything of him since.

Jan. 29, 1876, —, discharged under suspended sentence, shows his appreciation of the kindness shown him by good conduct, as far as known.

Jan. 29, 1876, —, after two suspended sentences, was sent to the House of Correction; he is a bad boy.

Jan. 29, 1876, — was allowed to go home under suspended sentence, but conducted himself so badly that he has since been sent to the House of Correction.

Feb. 21, 1876, — was sent to Reform School after repeated efforts to make him a good boy, but all in vain.

Feb. 21, 1876, — has conducted himself well under suspended sentence.

Feb. 4, 1876, —, under suspended sentence, is at home.

Feb. 17, 1876, —, sent to the Reform School at Lansing, is reported as doing quite well.

- 2d. Secure confidence of the child;
- 3d. Secure prompt obedience of the child;
- 4th. Secure truthfulness;
- 5th. Secure industry and economy;
- 6th. Secure the respect of the family;
- 7th. Secure and strengthen home authority;
- 8th. Secure a knowledge of personal right;
- 9th. Secure an appreciation of public authority;
- 10th. Secure an appreciation of their accountability to God.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 7th day of Oct., A. D. 1876.

_____, Agent.

_____, Mich., Nov. 24, 1876.

His Excellency, John J. Bagley, Governor of Michigan:

DEAR SIR:—Yours of 20th inst., in relation to juveniles, duly received, and in response beg leave to state that as agent for this county of juveniles, etc., I have been called to do but little, excepting certain examinations of offenders, and a few children returned to their parents from the Coldwater School. There are no particular cases where the workings of the law have shown any particular results. I have no doubt, however, but that the general workings of the law are beneficial, but it will take time, patience and experience on the part of the county agents, to satisfactorily effectuate the objects aimed at in the law. I am satisfied that the Coldwater School is by far the most valuable part of the system. In the absence of any specific details of any special cases under my charge, I would suggest the desirability and expediency of a State Convention of the County Agents, State Board and perhaps some others, say Superintendent of Coldwater School, to be convened soon, in order that by a comparison of views such suggestions might be arrived at and furnished you in relation to needed amendments of existing laws thereon, as the assembled wisdom of said convention might deem desirable. It might be called at Detroit, and by the Secretary of the Board.

Very respectfully,

_____, Co. Agent Juveniles.

_____, Nov. 23, 1876.

DEAR GOV.:—Yours of the 20th inst. is at hand, and I intended to have written to you on the subject mentioned in it previous to its date, but since the election I have been kept as a juryman in the circuit court till this afternoon. I will cheerfully give you the information you ask for, so far as I am able. The law you refer to is looked upon very favorably by all our citizens who know anything of its operations; and the officers of the law are ready, and seem gratified to avail themselves of the discretionary power vested in the State agent, to remand the children under arrest to the care of their parents, or to provide other homes for them, where the indications are that the interests of the child and the community can be best subserved by that course, instead of being bound by the iron rule of the law to convict and send amongst criminals, those who have through evil association been enticed from the paths of rectitude, but who are not really inclined to be criminals. In my short experience as State Agent, in almost every instance where I have been called on to act, the crime can be traced to the evil associations with which the child is surrounded.

The first case I shall notice is that of _____, a bright boy of fifteen, whose parents both died when he was seven. His father, a union soldier, died in the army, the boy was placed in a home where he remained till he was eleven; he considered himself abused and left the place, and after that lived a vagabond life till he was arrested for larceny last December, and no one desiring to take him to their home, he was sent to the Reform School at Lansing. _____, aged thirteen, was arrested for assault and battery. Upon a thorough investigation, it was found that he had no home fit for a child of that age; his mother was dead, his father had a housekeeper not of good character, whom the children disliked and would not obey, so they ran wild in the streets, some of the time coming home to sleep and for their meals, and at others staying away nights and days; the father was a laboring man and could not control them. _____, a brother of the above named, aged eleven, was soon afterwards arrested for larceny, and in both instances it was considered best to send them to the Reform School. _____, aged ten years was arrested for participation in the crime of the last mentioned boy, but having a fair home and parents who would look after him, he was remanded to their care, and will not likely be found on the criminal calendar again; but the law made him equally guilty with the other. _____, aged fifteen, a boy of weak intellect, was arrested for malicious trespass (breaking windows), he had

a step father, and his mother not having a desire to, or not being able to take care of him, he was abandoned by her after his arrest and sent to the Reform School, where, I since hear he is much happier in his new home than he was in his old. —, was arrested for larceny on the 3d of August, his age was thirteen, the crime was not fully proved against him, and he having parents, was remanded to their care; but on the 7th of September he was again arrested for a similar crime. He was sent to the Reform School. A predisposition to crime is stamped on his countenance. —, a boy thirteen years old, was arrested September 6th, for forgery; the crime was fully proved against him in more than one instance, he having been intrusted to get his employer's letters from the postoffice, which he opened and abstracted drafts for small amounts, upon which he forged his employer's endorsement, and in one instance the money, and in another the forgery was detected at the bank. His father is dead, his mother, a respectable woman, but such was the ingenuity with which he managed the crime when so young, that I dare not recommend that he should go at large, lest he might bring greater trouble upon his mother hereafter,—he went to the Reform School. One more instance for particularizing will suffice: — and —, brothers, aged respectively eleven and nine years, were arrested on the 7th of September, on complaint of a vindictive old woman, for breaking open the door of her candystore in the day time, and taking away candy and cigars. There were five or six other little boys around, and these two were induced by the others to push against the door, (which was insecurely fastened on the inside with a button,) and breaking it open. The boys pleaded guilty before the circuit court, and upon my recommendation were remanded to the care of their parents, who are respectable people, and I have no doubt will take care of the boys in future, but had the old law been enforced they would have gone among criminals, and most likely become like their associates. The owner of the candy store heaped all manner of abuse upon me because I prevented the boys from going to prison.

There is no doubt as to the beneficial workings of the law, and if judiciously administered, will be the means of saving the State from providing for the incarceration of many hundred criminals, and save the hearts of many parents from being wrung by the anguish of having their children going to "the bad," by giving them another chance of exercising greater care and surveillance over them, before they are compelled to associate with hardened criminals in the prisons.

Our noble State has been the pioneer in more than one instance in enacting liberal and wholesome laws, which conduce to the happiness and prosperity of her people; which have been copied by sister States, and there is still a chance for more, and I will indicate one measure, which, if you can bring into shape, and have it carried out and enacted into a law, will before you are as old as Father Pierce, the father of our school system, redound to your honor as a benefactor, more than the inauguration of the school system does to his. Since I have been acting as the State Agent for reformatory institutions, I have had many applications from parents whose children are wayward and beyond their control, but have not gone so far as to make themselves amenable to the laws, for my advice and assistance in placing them where they will be under wholesome restraint; the question is asked if they cannot send their children to the Reform School, if they (the parents) pay their board, but when I tell them that I have no power or jurisdiction in any case except where the child has been arrested for a crime actually committed, they go away with heavy hearts, thinking perhaps, that my power will have to be exercised sooner than they desire.

Our State is amply able to provide for all classes that are under the necessity of asking her assistance, and my suggestion is that an institution be established, which shall have neither the stigma of crime or pauperism attached to it, but wholly under the control of and supported by the State, where parents who wish their children under more strict surveillance than they can give them, can place them, and those who are able, to pay any necessary expense, and the State to provide for the balance; and let the law extend so that the proper authorities under certain restrictions, can take children from their parent or guardians, either when they are abused or likely to become criminals through mismanagement. I am satisfied such an institution properly managed, will prevent more crime than any other that can be devised, and be the means of saving many a poor child from cruel treatment. To-morrow there is to be tried in our circuit court a man and woman whose cruel treatment of an eight-year-old adopted boy, resulted in his death. The cruel treatment has been known for some time, but no one felt authorized to interfere. From the above hastily written suggestion, you can gather something of what I mean, and if you do not consider the idea utopian, please bring it into shape, and suggest something of the kind to our next legislature.

Yours truly,

—, Mich., Nov. 23, 1876.

Hon. J. J. Bagley, Detroit, Mich.:

DEAR SIR:—In answer to yours of the 20th inst., would say I think the law you refer to is a saving of money to the people. The first year of my work there was almost double the number of arrests that there has been this year. The carrying out of the law seems to have had a good effect on that class of boys. They have been more careful, and I know the parents have been more anxious to keep their children out of mischief. I have had mothers beg of me to try their children once more, and in many cases they have reformed, and are now good boys. One boy from — was sent to the Reform School, has come back a good boy. The most of those sent since I have acted as agent have not returned, but I understand they are doing well and a good prospect of reform. One case only that has come to my knowledge where the boy has not been reformed by being sent to the Reform School, and that was a case where strong drink and a thievish disposition were combined. I had a case about one year ago where two boys were arrested for stealing who had been known to be thieves for some time previous. We kept them in jail about one month and released them on suspended sentence, and they are now all right in that respect, so that after all I conclude the law has had a good effect.

Yours, etc.,

—, Agent.

—, Mich., Nov. 24, 1876.

Hon. J. J. Bagley:

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 20th inst. was duly received. In regard to the law and its workings about which you inquire, allow me to say, when notice of the law and its requirements reached our magistrates, they seemed to get the impression that it would interfere in some way with their especial duties. However, the first cases occurring under it, developed its character and intention. Then our justices saw in it a link long needed to relieve them (so far as juveniles were concerned) from adhering rigidly to the law or technicality of complaints, many of which are made while the blood is up and passions more or less excited, over small misdeeds, or thoughtless acts, committed under peculiar temptations, without malice, and when rightly handled lead to exemplary lives and the formation of good substantial character. It would take too much of your valuable time to read the narrative of all our cases. It is very seldom that a boy, when explanation is fully made to him, refuses to plead guilty. This alone leads to a large reduction of costs for witnesses, counsel, etc., and places the agent in position to counsel with the court, and I feel gratified in saying that no instance has occurred where there has been the least difficulty in agreeing between court and agent. We are obliged occasionally to send offenders to the Reform School. For instance a few months ago two boys by the name of — were sent there for theft. Soon after they went their father was taken sick, and continued sick, and growing worse all the time, until about two weeks ago he was told that he could live but a few days. He expressed great anxiety to see his boys, his family and neighbors joining very earnestly in the request to have the boys brought home, if only for a day or two. They finally prevailed upon me to go after them, and if consent could be obtained to bring them home. On consultation with Mr. Davis and Mr. Howe, they very kindly at once placed the boys in my charge, and they came home with me. On reaching home the boys were set at liberty, with instructions to report to me once in three days. This they did punctually until their father died and was buried. Then their mother came to me with tears in her eyes to thank me and the managers of the school for the great comfort it had given them, and especially to the boys' father, to have them at home, and said the boys were ready to go back. We fixed yesterday afternoon for them to meet me at the depot, which they did, and returned them to the school. Had a short but pleasant visit with Mr. Howe, made good report for the boys and came home.

Yesterday morning I was cited to appear before Justice — and attend to the case of two boys, brought before him for beating another boy. It so happened that I knew all the parties, and after consultation the boys pleaded guilty, the justice suspended sentence (provided I could get the boys reinstated in school) during good behavior. You would be astonished to visit our school-rooms and have the boys shown you that are now on probation and doing as well as any boys in school, that have heretofore played *boy vagrant* about our town. The justice said to me yesterday that too high an estimate could not be placed upon the law, or the mind that projected it. While it may seem tedious to you to open and look through this letter you will, I trust, recollect that you asked me to narrate some cases, which I have

done as briefly as possible, and am obliged to stop, as every case has a history, and the history of all no one book could contain. Any particular interrogations will be promptly answered.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

—, Mich., Nov. 25, 1876.

Gov. Bagley:

DEAR SIR:—The State Public School was not referred to in my letter of yesterday. From its opening to the present, my duties as Supt. of the Poor gave me an especial interest in its working out a success. Under my charge this county placed the second lot of children there. Since that time we have watched our chances for taking more there. In all we have taken 25 boys and girls, some from poor-house and some from other parts of the county, and placed them under the care of the school. All have done well. Some have been placed in good homes, and several of them now wear stars in the institution. Under your appointment, as county agent, my relation to the school is changed. As a general recommender of those who want to take children, the position becomes one of no small responsibility, and care has to be used. Many persons seeking to get children large enough to do their drudgery, that are in no sense suitable, in point of ability or respectability. The affairs of the school seem to be managed with marked ability under the care of Mr. Alden. His main trouble seems to be a lack of room, and as he wrote me a few days since, the applications for admission to the school crowd in from all quarters. This institution is beyond doubt to become one of the large institutions of the State, and it is to be regretted that so few of the good people of the State hardly know of the school at all. There is of necessity more or less change going on in placing and replacing the children. Sometimes a child stays several months in a family, when a growing dislike is manifested, and in a few cases for the good of all the connections have been cancelled either by exchanging (when the child is evidently to blame) or taking the child back because the party is found unworthy of the trust. Your thorough knowledge of all our State institutions will enable you to make all suitable recommendations.

Very truly yours,

—, Nov. 25, 1876.

Hon. John J. Bagley:

DEAR SIR:—In compliance with your request as to my views of the working of the law as to care of children, etc., under which I have been appointed county agent, I would say that I am satisfied that it is a saving of money, and I well know that it is the saving of some children, although the majority of those arrested for crime in this county have been hardened cases, and the most I could do for them was to advise and urge them to try and be benefited by what seemed to them harsh measures,—the Reform School.

There were others in whom the real germ of manhood stood prominent. In the case of a boy 13 years old, who in company with those older, had trespassed upon, and materially injured the premises of a citizen (this occurred over a year ago), the court consented to have him returned to his parents; he has since been well disposed and obedient.

In the case of another boy, in his fourteenth year, who was arrested for burglary, I was satisfied that the influence of another had much to do with it, and that the influence then brought to bear upon him, he would in the future be able to resist. I advised the court to return him to his parents, to which he consented. I have visited him twice since; find him an excellent boy, a help and comfort to his parents. He is always glad to see me, and appears ready and willing to receive and heed advice. His parents seem to take a deeper interest in him than ever before.

In regard to children indentured from the State Public School, I know an agent can do much towards harmonizing differences that sometimes exist between the child and the person to whom it is indentured. Occasionally there is a child of that peculiar temperament, that placed in what would be considered a good home, and in fact would be such for a majority of children, yet to such a child it will be a prison,—nothing congenial. It will feel crushed, and will languish and pine if compelled to remain there. Such should be removed at once.

Respectfully yours,

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—, Mich., Nov. 24, 1876.

Gov. John J. Bagley:

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of inquiry of 20th inst. is before me. I have already made

a report to the proper authorities of my doings as agent for this county for the general supervision of charitable, penal, pauper, and reformatory institutions.

This county is happily situated in not needing supervision as regards many of the features of this law. This county being materially well off, is not so burdened with charitable and pauper demands as many other counties.

I have settled a number of applications made to me of a kind of criminal nature, which I am confident the judicial authorities would have made quite an item of expense to the State and county. I consider it much better to quiet people in regard to the misdoings of children, than to place them in the clutches of the law and House of Correction. The people of the State save money in this way. Parents knowing the power and workings of this law, will exercise a greater restraining influence over their children. Though I have had little experience in this direction, I know this must be the effect.

Again, great good is accomplished by obtaining good homes for neglected children: good to the children by obtaining a home; good to the State by saving of expense and prevention of much future crime and pauperism.

I have found good homes for six children in this county. Both the children and those with whom they live seem happy and satisfied. I have had instances of children so wayward, or the people with whom they were so difficult to please, that the children did not stay. I am disposed to think that the difficulty is as often with the people who take the children as with the children themselves. They do not fully realize the circumstances and make as much allowance as they ought.

There is no special case of interest under my observations worth recording. Neither will I enlarge and consume your time by reading what will not add anything of consequence to your own large and important knowledge in this matter.

I am fully convinced that the workings of this law are good to all concerned. Though there is but a small expense for agents, if all have the same experience as myself, it may be possible that the workings of this law may be simplified by having the work done by some officers already in existence; though I can see objections to this.

I hope that some extent I have in this letter met your request.

If I can be of any further service in any way I should be glad.

Very truly yours, etc.,

_____, Agent for _____ Co.

_____, Mich., November 23, 1876.

MY DEAR GOVERNOR:—Your favor of the 20th inst., asking my "views of the workings of the law as to care of children, etc., under which you (I) have been appointed County Agent" is before me. In reply I have the honor to say that the cases to which my attention has been called officially have impressed me very favorably as to the law in question, and I am of the opinion that the primary principles of it, relating, as it does, principally to neglected or abandoned children, are worthy the careful consideration and earnest support of all the good citizens of our State. As the only object of the law seems to be to care for God's poor neglected children, securing for them shelter, home influences, and education, its effects can but prove a blessing to those who cheerfully bear the burden and expense of so doing. The workings of the law, however, as applies to County Agents, I consider more clerical than ministerial. Their acts and opinions having but little to do in influencing Courts of Justice with preconceived ideas of law and equity, coupled in many cases with a prejudice not easily overcome. As many people have but little sympathy with youthful errors, children, especially neglected or abandoned ones, are apt to lose more in caste and confidence than is generally warranted after an unbiased examination of facts and conditions have placed them in proper position.

I feel safe in making the assertion that in no case that I have examined have I found a really depraved, wicked boy at heart. All of them were possessed of tender chords that would vibrate at the touch of mercy, and in but one case have I willingly acquiesced in the verdict of the more severe sentence of sending to the Reform School, although three have been sent there. One of these, a bright lad of fourteen years, whose father and mother were inebriates, lost to all sense of shame or morality, living together most inharmoniously, when asked by me if he had committed a certain crime for which he was under arrest, freely acknowledged his guilt. When asked further, why he did so, commenced weeping bitterly, saying he had no one to care for him at home. No one to guard the citadel of honor. Everybody called him a bad boy, and he cared but little what became of himself. But, says he, if you can get me away from here, I can and will be a good boy. I believed him,

but the Superintendents of the Poor to whom I applied to care for him, thought differently, so the Justice of the Peace before whom the boy was arraigned had no other resource than to sentence him to the Reform School, as preferable to keeping him under the baneful influences which had thus far surrounded him at home.

This class of cases is not rare, and from my experience, gained in investigating them, I am forced to believe that the provisions of the law relative to neglected or abandoned children should be made applicable to such cases. As the law now stands, and is interpreted, no child is to be admitted under its control except he first be turned over to the Superintendents of the County Poor, their names placed upon the County books, accepted as wards of the county. This does not reach all required. A little power delegated to the Agents, or some other proper person, to be officially exercised upon such children as are complained of as would never fall into the hands of the Superintendents of the Poor, would save many from a life of crime by placing them beyond the association of corrupt practices.

I suppose the ultimate object our Legislators had in view, in giving us the law in question was to make better citizens, preventing crime. If so, then we must attempt to include the class of children in which criminals are made. I think statistics will show, that at least four-fifths of the criminals now serving sentence in our prisons and reformatory institutions are those who never were a county charge. Paupers are seldom criminals. Pauper children are seldom charged with criminal conduct. They are properly cared for. The agent is to find a good home for them when possible. But the class of neglected and abandoned children of whom I am particularly speaking, those whom the county agent is required to take cognizance, are not included in the law as candidates for the State Public School. Therefore, it becomes necessary, from the simple fact that their names are not enrolled upon the county books, to send them to the House of Correction, the Reform School, or remand them back to their former position, under suspended sentences.

I would open wide the arms of charity, and bring in all dependent and neglected children who are without home, eking a miserable existence from unsympathizing friends, or the uncharitable stranger. A case to illustrate: About a year since, the Supervisor of a neighboring town applied to me as Agent, presuming I had power to act, for relief for a boy about eleven years of age, whose mother was dead and whose father was a patient in an Insane Asylum. Both had been favorably known and highly respected, and acquaintances were not unwilling to give the boy a few meals of victuals, a few nights lodging, occasionally a cast off garment, but they were unwilling to adopt him as a permanent member of their family. He was fast falling into evil habits, and the Supervisor's attention was called to the case. Hence his application to me. I informed him I had no official authority to act in the matter, recommended him to turn the boy over to the County Superintendents of the Poor, but he would assume no such duty, and no one else would, consequently the boy is at large, fast becoming a notorious, bad boy. I think positive administration of justice is required in such cases, and upon the proper showing of the facts by some competent person, this boy, and others similarly situated, should be made the protegee of the State, and admissible to State Institutions, whether he has become a county charge or not.

I am aware that so comprehensive a scheme would prove a large undertaking for the State, but I think as a matter of justice, and I might say economy, the State can do no less than to throw her protecting arm around all her neglected little ones, and secure to them such an influence as will make good citizens and prove a lasting honor to the State. Such being the class of cases I have had most to deal with, I feel compelled to urge their claims upon the State, fully convinced that a large majority of them, if timely cared for, will make honorable men and women, and hope that some way may be suggested whereby they can be reached and cared for.

I have naught but commendation to say regarding the present law. It works admirably, and its effects upon the poor children of the State have already reached a limit of usefulness the most earnest friends of the measure could hardly have anticipated. Also, the effect upon those complained of as violators of the law, have been appreciated, and has thoroughly reformed, as I believe, several bad boys, as more than one-half of those I have examined have been returned to their parents and guardians with every present prospect of remaining dutiful children. Its influence upon parents is decidedly valuable, prompting them to a more rigid discipline, especially after complaints have been noticed.

In one case the parents were wholly unaware of the waywardness of their little, eight year old boy, until he was complained of for burglary. They were respectable people. Their mortification was intense. The lad was returned to his parents, with a bit of experience never to be forgotten by any member of that family. Their

daily prayers are full of thankfulness for the wisdom displayed by our law-makers in thus giving them a chance to reform their own child. They will do it.

My dear sir, you will overlook the sending of this to you in so crude a condition when I tell you I write with a felon on my hand, upon which my mind more centered than upon the views you desire. Scissor it as you please, for I have to curse the fates so much that I can not remodel it. Hoping it will be of some little use to you, I am, as ever,

Truly yours,

—, Dec. 4, 1876.

To His Excellency, the Governor:

DEAR SIR:—Yours received asking comment on the law under which I am an agent for juvenile offenders. I think the law a success, and also a great saving in expenses. I will tell the story of two cases I investigated in the township of ——. The names were — and —, arrested for burglary and made a confession of it, and carried back the stolen goods. I had them waive examination in justice's court, give bonds and let it go to the circuit court (on account of jurisdiction), and by investigation I counseled the judge for a return of the — boy to his home. Parents in good circumstances, home first-class; has had a good influence on boy, and parents also. — not having a good home, but a good mother, father dead and mother could not command him, I counseled the judge for the binding of him out until he was twenty-one years of age, for which he issued the order, and with the assistance of the judge of probate, we bound him to his uncle, which gives good satisfaction, and the result, the saving of a great expense and producing a better feeling and influence upon both children and parents. I consider the law based upon goodness, and the result of goodness will be shown in the rising generation, as well as a great saving.

From your most obedient servant,

The message was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The Senate took a recess until 2½ o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

The President announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 4, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—Pursuant to a resolution of the Senate, I have appointed Edwin S. Hoskins, of Eaton County, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

JAMES H. STONE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Hoskins then came forward, took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Nelson offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and is hereby instructed to furnish one thousand copies of the Governor's message printed in the English

language, five hundred in the German, five hundred in the French, and one thousand in the Dutch language, for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Burleigh offered the following:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint convention, in Representative Hall, to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock, to listen to such communication as the Governor may be pleased to make;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Taylor moved that the Senate take a recess for one hour;

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, January 5, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

The President announced the appointment of Willio Packard, of Van Buren county, as Messenger, under the resolution of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, January 4, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That Valorus W. Bruce of Mecosta Co., be appointed Postmaster of the Senate and House, to distribute all mail matter belonging to the members of the Senate and House, at a compensation of three dollars per day;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the resolution.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, January 4, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint convention in Representative Hall, to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock, to listen to such communications as the Governor may be pleased to make.

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 4, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the State printer be instructed to forward one copy of the daily Journal to each daily and weekly newspaper published in this State, and also to State officers and members of State commissions, to Circuit and Supreme Judges, and the county clerks in this State, and also to the resident clergymen of Lansing:

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same by striking out the words "Circuit and Supreme Judges," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Judges of all courts of record."

In the passage of which as amended the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Morse moved that the Senate concur in the amendment made to the concurrent resolution by the House;

Which motion prevailed.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 4, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (The House concurring), That Allen L. Bours be, and is hereby appointed to compile and publish, without delay, under the direction of the committees on printing in the two houses, the usual number of Manuals, for the use of this and the next Legislature, at a price not to exceed the sum paid for compiling the last Manual.

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That rule 18 of the Senate be so amended as to provide for an additional committee on the Normal School;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Morse offered the following resolution :

Resolved (the House concurring), That when the Legislature adjourns to-day it be till Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at 11 o'clock A. M. ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Packard offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That no smoking be allowed in this Senate Chamber, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be required to enforce this rule.

Mr. Burch moved that the resolution be laid on the table ;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Perrin moved to amend by inserting after the word "Chamber," the words "during the sessions of the Senate."

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Newcomb moved to amend by inserting after the word "Chamber," the words "cloak room and committee rooms."

Which motion did not prevail.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to adopt the following resolution :

Resolved, That rule 18 of the Senate be so amended as to provide for an additional committee on the Normal School ;

Which motion prevailed.

The question then recurring on the passage of the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The resolution was laid on the table.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced a Committee from the House, who informed the Senate that the House was in readiness to receive the Senate in joint convention, to hear the message of the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Perrin, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives to meet the House in joint convention.

[For proceedings of joint convention, see House Journal.]

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber, and was called to order by the President.

Roll called ; a quorum present.

The President announced that the Senate had met the House in joint convention, and had heard the message of the Governor.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 5, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the accompanying message of the Governor delivered this day to the two Houses in joint convention.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message is as follows :

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The population and wealth of Michigan place her in the front rank of the States of the American Union. With great natural resources developed by enterprise and culture, with the necessities of life abundant, and its luxuries easily attainable, with a government emanating from the people and resting upon their confidence for support, with learning generally diffused, industry fostered, and religion neither fettered nor endowed, with the largest liberty for all consistent with security for person and property, the State teems with intellectual and business activity, and steadily advances in all the elements that constitute the highest civilization.

Representing such a commonwealth you have come from your homes and your occupations at the advent of the year, to frame new laws and modify old ones, to meet such changes as time and the public welfare may seem to require. I welcome you to the Capitol and am confident that with fidelity and faithfulness you will give your best energies to the proper accomplishment of the important work devolved upon you.

At such a time it seems fitting and proper that we should make devout acknowledgment of our gratitude to Almighty God for the growth and prosperity of the State, the health and peace of the people, and the blessings both public and private which have been so freely vouchsafed to us.

FINANCES.

The public debt of the State is comparatively light, and provision is made through the sinking fund for its extinguishment even faster than it falls due. Within the past two years the debt has been reduced one hundred and seventy-eight thousand dollars, and repeated efforts have been made to purchase and retire more of the outstanding bonds. The attempt, however, has been unsuccessful, the holders preferring not to part with the securities even at a premium. This fact demonstrates the high credit which the State maintains at home and abroad. It also proves the wisdom of a well constituted sinking fund—gathering steadily, and without pressure means for the complete payment of the State debt.

In this connection I desire to call your attention to the fact that by act of the Legislature of 1875 \$466,828.40 was transferred from the Sinking Fund to the General Fund, and in consequence no taxation for the current expenses of the State government was levied for the years 1875-6. As the amount thus withdrawn from the Sinking Fund is nearly exhausted, and as no further moneys can be diverted from that fund at the present time without a plain violation of the Constitution, that instrument expressly applying the moneys now in such fund to the payment of the principal and interest of the State debt until the extinguishment thereof, it will be incumbent on you to make provision by taxation for the general expenses of the State government. I allude to this also that you may understand that the reduction of taxation for two years past was simply temporary and for the purpose of absorbing a surplus of unappropriated moneys that had accumulated in the Sinking Fund from legislation and not from constitutional requirement. You will also observe that the receipts of the Treasury for the same time from sources other than taxes have been sensibly diminished. This is occasioned by a large falling off in the sales of public lands and to a considerable reduction made by the Legislature of two years ago in the specific tax imposed upon foreign insurance companies doing

business in this State, as well as to the stringency of the times and to other causes.

With this diminution in revenue and the necessary return to direct taxation for general purposes, it is plain that you should exercise a strict economy in appropriations and avoid all extravagant and excessive expenditures of the public money. Original schemes of any nature involving large outlays should be avoided and the State, without narrowness or parsimony, should exemplify in every department such prudence as the circumstances of the times seem to demand.

I am advised that a large balance now remains in the state treasury to the credit of certain special appropriations heretofore made from time to time by the legislature for various objects. Some of these appropriations were made several years ago, and the money now on hand is a remainder left after the object of the appropriation had been accomplished and paid for. As the law now stands this money cannot be drawn from the treasury, not even for the object for which it was designed, without some legislation for that purpose. I therefore recommend the passage of an act transferring this money where it may be made available.

I also suggest for your consideration the propriety of enacting a law fixing a time when appropriations of this character, or any part thereof, if not drawn, shall by due course of law be transferred to the fund from whence they came.

ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION.

The constitution prescribes a uniform rate of assessment and taxation on property at its cash value. This applies to all property except such as pays a specific tax or is exempted from taxation by law. The design of this provision is clear and plain. It means that taxation shall rest upon property equally, and that all shall bear its fair and just proportion of the expense of carrying on the government. The theory is correct, but the practice does not conform to it. The inequality of assessments is a common complaint. Lands adjoining each other of about the same value, but situated in different counties, often are listed for taxation on the assessment rolls at rates not at all similar. There is no pretence that any property is assessed as the constitution requires at its cash value. Go where you please about the State and you are informed that assessors assess property for taxation at only about one-quarter or one-third of its money value. I am advised that in some localities where real estate has doubled and thribbled the assessments from year to year, instead of corresponding with the enhanced price, have actually been reduced and the property rated for assessment at a less sum than it was previous to its rise. Personal property is easily concealed and the most of it escapes taxation. It is estimated that not one-tenth of this kind of property pays any taxes whatever. In addition to this, our system of specific taxes has the effect to virtually release large property interests from nearly one-half of the amount they should pay, while exemptions by law wholly release other classes of property from bearing any part of the public burthen whatever. The result of it all is that property amounting to millions of dollars is partly or wholly relieved from taxation, and thus a great discrimination is made against that class of employments and industries whose effects are visible and taxable and they in consequence pay very much more than their fair proportion of the public dues. The rule of justice and the fundamental law are both set aside and taxation is distributed most unequally and unfairly. I am conscious that it is quite impossible to devise any system that

will fully equalize the weight of this burden ; I am also sensible that we should carefully guard against injudicious proceedings tending to drive capital from the State, but certainly some measures should be immediately inaugurated to better enforce the provisions of the constitution and to correct this growing inequality.

TAX SALES AND TAX DEEDS.

I am also of the opinion that our laws for the sale of lands delinquent for taxes might, in many respects, be simplified and improved. Now, if for any cause, non-resident land is returned as delinquent for even a single tax, no matter how small it may be, the State within one year advertises and sells the land, and at the expiration of another year, if payment of the tax is not made, issues a deed of the premises which purports to convey the title absolutely to the purchaser. Thousands of these tax deeds are made every year, and by far the larger proportion of them when tested in the courts are set aside and declared void. They make uncertain titles, breed litigation, and often lead to expensive and vexatious suits. I submit to you whether some plan cannot be devised to remedy this system of flooding the State with uncertain deeds of this character. A lien upon such lands in favor of the purchaser for the amount of the tax with a large rate of interest, with power through the courts to enforce the lien by a sale of the premises after a lapse of such a time as would render it probable that the failure to pay was not the consequence of mere inadvertence or other like cause, it seems to me, would be much more just to all parties and save much of the work and expense incident to our present system.

CONVEYANCES AND THE RECORD THEREOF.

Your attention is also requested to the laws regarding the conveyance of lands and the record of conveyances. No subject is more important: the man of large means is often concerned to the extent of all he possesses and the laboring man may have his little all invested in his home, the security of which depends upon the protection these laws give him. That they are defective and afford great facilities for frauds is well known and that serious frauds are often committed by means of them is notorious. The acknowledgment of deeds is quite too much a matter of form, and false personations take place before officers, who certify to the acknowledgments of parties they do not know. These deeds go upon record, and the record becomes primary evidence of conveyance, proving both the identity of the grantor and the official character of the officer. I suggest whether an original might not be filed in the recording office and be made a record of itself, as this would afford the means of detecting forgeries. If this were done perhaps conveyances should be required to be executed in duplicate. In the same connection I suggest that the propriety of a legislative form for a conveyance, which should be short, and the effect of which as a warranty or otherwise should be determined by law, might be considered. If our deeds were short and uniform, not only would the expense of conveyances and record be reduced, but I am confident our records would be in much better and more reliable shape than they now are. And I desire to have you consider carefully whether the record ought to be primary evidence at all. It is not such in some states, but is evidence only when the failure to produce the original is satisfactorily explained. Under our system, if there is anything wrong or suspicious in a man's conveyance he is interested in not producing it, but may bring forward the record, in which the suspicious facts do not appear.

SPECIAL COMMISSION.

I am aware that modifications of much importance, and of a radical nature, affecting laws for the assessment and collection of taxes, and laws for the execution and registration of conveyances ought to be made with great care, and only after much thoughtful investigation. Bearing in mind the time limited by custom for a session of the Legislature and the pressure of business necessarily incident to it, it seems to me doubtful whether you can give these subjects, during your session, that careful investigation that their importance seems to demand. I therefore suggest that they be referred to a special commission consisting of three men of ability and experience to carefully put in form and submit such amendments and changes as may seem desirable and wise, for the action of the Legislature hereafter.

STATE CAPITOL.

Our State Capitol is progressing towards completion, and will in all probability be ready for occupation before the next regular session of the legislature. Your attention has already been called to the necessity of making provision for fitting and furnishing the building. I venture the further suggestion, that as soon as may be, steps be taken to have the grounds on which the building is situated tastefully laid out and ornamented with trees, shrubs and flowers. With a little care and without great expense these grounds, which will from time to time be visited by a considerable part of the population of the state, may be made attractive and pleasant to a most desirable degree. It further seems to me that through the agency of the Agricultural College, a most valuable and delightful botanical garden might be established and maintained on the capitol grounds.

JUDICIAL CIRCUITS.

The judicial circuits of the state ought at an early day to be reorganized with a better regard to population and territory, and thus secure a more equal division in the labor of the circuit judges. At present the work in some circuits is hard and much greater than should be imposed upon a single judge, while in others it is light and really less than it should be. The failure of the people of the state at the recent election to vote an increased compensation to the judges, is perhaps in a measure due to a feeling that some of the circuits are much smaller than they really ought to be.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

One of the amendments to the Constitution, adopted by the popular vote at the recent general election, authorizes the Legislature hereafter to submit any proposed amendments to that instrument to the people, to be voted upon at the spring election. This change will give opportunity for an expression of the popular will in regard to a proposed amendment while it is yet fresh from the discussion and action of the Legislature. It will also, I apprehend, conduce to a better understanding than heretofore, of the merits of the proposition to be voted on. Such amendments, submitted at a general election, are apt to be lost sight of in the heat of partisan strife.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

It has been the cherished policy of this State to furnish facilities for the education of every child within its boundaries. The framers of the constitution provided for a system of free schools, and their descendants have developed that

policy until now ample opportunity for a free education is afforded to all who may desire to avail themselves of its benefits, not only in the common branches of learning, but also in the higher grades of finished and classical culture. With 6,000 common schools open an average of seven months per year, maintained at a cost of three and one-half millions of dollars, and 350,000 children in regular attendance, every citizen must feel that upon the influence of these schools rests in a great measure the future of the State. Whatever shall add to their efficiency shall have my hearty approval.

STATE UNIVERSITY.

The State University is a source of just pride to our people. It has obtained a foremost rank among the higher educational institutions of the country, and students congregate within its walls from all parts of our land and from foreign countries. It is progressive, and the standard of its excellence keeps pace with the highest demands of culture. I believe its efforts to promote good scholarship and profound learning will be heartily seconded by you.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

I may add that the Normal School, at Ypsilanti, with its able and experienced instructors, annually trains a large number of persons in the art of teaching, and thus greatly contributes to a higher and better standard of education.

SCHOOL OF MECHANIC ARTS.

It seems to me desirable that the scope of the University, or some other of our educational institutions, should be enlarged so as to embrace a department for practical instruction in branches of learning connected with the mechanic arts. Skilled labor is one great want of the country. It readily commands work at good prices. It is said that the improved labor resulting from schools of this character established in France enabled that country to carry easily the heavy weight of taxation imposed upon it by reason of the Franco-Prussian war. We have resources which need scientific and skillful artisans for their development, and they ought to have thorough training to prepare them for this work. We fit men for the practice of law and of medicine, and why should we not fit them for the practice of those great industries so important to our prosperity and wealth. "Such instruction will make our nation richer by making our artisans more tasteful and skillful, and by developing the latent talent of the industrial classes. Without this cultivation no people can aspire to become a first-class manufacturing nation, nor will they be able to compete successfully with the products of skilled industry in the great markets of the world. Mechanics are the sinews of our commonwealth, and deserve the highest consideration of educators." While I would in no sense disparage classical or professional studies, I would not omit to cultivate that genius which enriches and beautifies our homes, which gives us mills and machinery and all those appliances of science and art so efficient in ministering to the wants of man.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND AGRICULTURE.

I rejoice that the Agricultural College is steadily advancing, and has become more than ever thoroughly identified with that important interest for whose benefit it was created. Agriculture is our principal industry, and whatever tends to promote it is of advantage and value. It is gratifying to observe a marked improvement in the interest taken in farming. The organization of agricul-

tural clubs and societies has awakened discussion and quickened inquiry into the best methods of pursuing this laudable occupation. The result is improved culture and drainage, a greater variety of stock, the more frequent use of labor-saving machines, and better farms and farm-houses, with a growing tendency to give just prominence and more influence to a pursuit which preceded all others, and is as honorable and useful as any which man can follow.

STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The State Public School, with its 255 "waifs," nearly all of whom were taken from the corrupting influence of poor-house associations, is a public charity peculiar to Michigan. No one can compare the condition of these children in the healthy atmosphere of this school with their former condition in the poor-houses without realizing the excellence and worth of this noble charity. To secure and maintain the success of this institution, the declared object of its creation should be constantly borne in mind, to wit: to provide for such children only temporary homes until homes can be procured for them in families. No training that institutional life can afford, however good, is so well adapted to a child as a home in a respectable family. Besides, these children as soon as prepared for homes ought to give place in the institution to others. We have still in the poor-houses of the State 650 children growing up amid indolent and depraved paupers, under circumstances well calculated to fit them for criminals or permanent dependents. These children should be promptly removed from such surroundings. So deeply were the authorities of the State of New York impressed with the importance of this subject that recently they prohibited by law the sending of children to the poor-houses of that State, and required county officials to place all over two years of age in families or private asylums. Provision through the agents of the State Board for the Supervision of Charitable Institutions, or through an agency expressly created for the purpose, ought to be made to immediately secure the putting out of such children as now remain in our poor-houses, in families, or private asylums. This policy seems to me far preferable to any one looking toward the multiplication of State institutions for their care.

PRISONS.

The State Prison is crowded, having within its walls a greater number of convicts than ever before. Some relief may be afforded by the transfer of a portion of the inmates to the State House of Correction at Ionia, now nearly ready for occupancy. It must, however, be borne in mind that the State has a number of convicts at the Detroit House of Correction who are likely to be transferred to the new State House of Correction as soon as it is completed. Thus the probabilities are that both the State Prison and the State House of Correction will be filled to the limit of their fair, working capacity.

The new prison was designed to be what its name implies, a *house of correction* where criminals not badly depraved, who have committed crime under circumstances of great temptation or sudden passion,—more particularly young men convicted of a first offense might be withdrawn from the association of old offenders and hardened criminals, and placed under a discipline designed to accomplish their reformation. I am aware that no system has been devised through which we can hope to restore even the most of our criminals to lives of honor and usefulness. Still, I am of the impression that with proper treatment a fair proportion may be permanently reclaimed if surrounded with proper

motives and incentives. The inculcation of habits of industry, moral and religious training, schooling and books are elements in the accomplishment of this work. The importance of proper efforts to reform convicts is shown in the fact that the average duration of imprisonment is only about 3½ years. The great body of them soon return to the community from whence they came, if not reformed, to repeat their crimes and renew their depredations on the public. I trust that in the organization of the new prison its special design may be borne in mind, and I suggest that the several Boards having charge of the State Prison, the State House of Correction, and the Reform School, be authorized to meet together, at times to be designated by law, and jointly determine upon such general arrangement for the government of the prisons and the transfer of prisoners from one to the other as to them may seem expedient and wise, or if thought best, these Boards might be consolidated into one small Board having control of all the prisons. Through this agency defects of administration may be corrected, criminals classified and their treatment made to accord more fully with the requirements of justice and enlightened humanity.

CRIME AND CRIMINAL LAWS.

I doubt very much whether the rapid accumulation of convicts in the State Prison is due wholly as is generally supposed to a corresponding growth of crime in our midst. On examination I apprehend it will be found in some degree attributable to the character and administration of the criminal law. A great majority of the convicts are in the prison for larceny, and most of them for stealing sums of but little more than \$25. Others are there for offenses against property where the value was even less than the sum I have stated. As an instance, I am told that a man is serving a term of years in the prison whose only offense was forging an order for \$2. If he had stolen that sum, the moral guilt would have been just as great, but the punishment of a milder and different character. I am also informed that a person recently served a term in State Prison for the larceny from a dwelling-house of an article worth less than a dollar, the gist of the crime under the law consisting not so much in what was taken as in the place from which it was taken. I submit for your serious consideration whether in some cases the law does not permit the punishment of the State Prison for offenses too trivial in their nature, and whether some of the distinctions on which important differences in punishment are made to turn are not altogether too finely drawn for such serious consequences. The apparent injustice of sentences of this kind is made the ground-work for burdening the Executive of the State with applications for clemency. It would seem as though an investigation of this subject might lead to an improvement in the law, remedying in some measure these finely drawn distinctions in crime, and perhaps, result in substituting a larger sum than the law now prescribes as the distinction between grand and petit larceny.

REFORM SCHOOL.

Nothing is more significant than the improved condition of the Reform school. Not long since it was claimed that the boys could not be kept in this establishment without enclosing it with a massive prison wall, and a large appropriation was asked for that purpose. Now bars and bolts are removed, even the "high board fence" that surrounded the building has disappeared, yet discipline is much better and escapes are less frequent. The boys are held by rules of honor and laws of love, and the results are of a most gratifying character.

HUMANE INSTITUTIONS.

While mindful of its duty in the enactment of laws for the regulation of society, the encouragement of learning, and the prevention of crime, the State has not forgotten to tenderly care for her unfortunate children. Its wise beneficence in this respect is exemplified in the admirable establishment for the treatment of the insane at Kalamazoo, and in provision soon to be made by the erection of the new asylum at Pontiac for ministering in an appropriate manner to all within its bounds thus sadly afflicted. A like careful regard is also shown in the liberal provision for the education of the mutes and the blind, through the instrumentality of the excellent establishment at Flint.

I commend, without hesitation, these humane institutions to your confidence and to your fostering care.

ELECTIONS.

Under our system of government, fair and untrammelled suffrage is of vital importance. The whole direction of public affairs, the authority to make or unmake laws, the interests of persons and of property, the very existence of our free institutions, all hinge upon the freedom of the elector and the purity of the ballot box. It is through the ballot that the sovereign will of the people is expressed, and every possible safeguard should be thrown around it to prevent the use of corrupting influences or the casting of illegal votes. In the heat and passion of great political excitement, in the ambition for power and place, the inducement to secure success even by chicanery and fraud is great, and cannot be too strongly guarded against.

More stringent measures should be adopted to prevent the bribing of electors and the corrupt use of money as a means for buying or influencing votes. The procuring of illegal votes, either by solicitation or intimidation, ought to be visited with severe punishment, and more vigorous and effective laws should be enacted to prevent the practice, now too frequent, of betting large sums on the result of an election. It is well to remember that in former periods wherever such corrupting influences were permitted in a government of the people violence, anarchy, and a destruction of free institutions followed. Our State election laws are in many respects defective and should receive your careful attention. In the registration of electors more time should intervene between the day of closing the registration and the day of election, so that opportunity may be had to ascertain the right to suffrage of any doubtful names appearing on the list. Election boards should be so organized and constituted as not to be composed exclusively of men of one political party; it is but fair and just that the opposite party have at least a representative on the board. Provision should also be made that persons who are candidates for office should not be canvassers of the votes given for or against themselves. They are interested parties who might be tempted for their own benefit into injustice and fraud. The law does not usually allow men to pronounce judgment in cases where they are directly concerned, and there should certainly be no exception in ascertaining and determining the result of hotly contested elections where rivalry is great and prejudice bitter. Places for the vending and sale of intoxicating liquors ought to be closed on the day of the election. Whatever diversity of views there may be in regard to prohibiting or restricting the liquor traffic generally, it seems to me that no one will question the propriety of making our elections as far as possible free from its baneful influence. It is a fact that intoxicating liquors are sold in the

immediate vicinity of many of our voting places, and that men are to be seen about the polls exercising the highest prerogative known to freemen, partly or wholly intoxicated. These cases may not be numerous, yet the importance of our elections and the general good of the community seem to demand that the surroundings shall be such that the elector may exercise the most sober and deliberate judgment. Most assuredly everything that tends to deprave and corrupt the voter should be excluded from the vicinity of the polls.

LIQUOR LAWS.

At the recent general election, the provision of the constitution prohibiting the legislature from authorizing the grant of license for the sale of ardent spirits or other intoxicating liquors, by a vote of the people, was stricken out, and full power is now vested in the Legislature to license, restrict, or prohibit this traffic, in such manner as it may deem expedient and wise.

The laws now in force upon this subject were enacted by your immediate predecessors, and have been in operation but a short time. In fact, hardly a sufficient time has elapsed since their validity was affirmed by the Supreme Court, to give them a fair trial. The sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is an evil of great magnitude, producing a large amount of wretchedness, pauperism, and crime, and it should be kept under such guards and restrictions as will most effectually prevent its bad results. I do not believe that a license law would be any improvement on the present taxing system, nor do I believe that the people of the State, by their recent vote, intended that the one should be abandoned for the other. I suggest therefore, that such defects as may have been found in the workings of the existing law, be remedied by amendment and that it remain in force, to the end that its power to limit and lessen the evils of intemperance may be more fully and fairly tested.

LEGISLATION.

A number of years experience as a member of the legislature, satisfies me that too often important measures are postponed until a late period in the session, and then crowded to a passage with undue haste. In this way crude imperfect, and sometimes dangerous legislation takes place. I therefore urge that you require your committees who visit the state institutions, to investigate them thoroughly and at an early day, to the end that all the important measures of the session may be prepared and considered with as little delay as may be consistent with a deliberate and proper understanding thereof.

There is also a tendency to legislate too much. Stability in our laws is desirable, and changes should not be made without good and sufficient cause. It is sometimes "better to hear the ills we have than to fly to those we know not of."

RECOMMENDATIONS OF RETIRING GOVERNOR.

I have thus briefly called your attention to the general policy which seems to me wise in the conduct of State affairs, abstaining, except in a few special cases to go beyond a mere outline. My predecessor who has so acceptably and usefully for two terms occupied the chair of State, has given in detail the recommendations which his experience has commended to his judgment. His attention to State affairs has been so unremitting, he has brought to them so mature a judgment and so earnest a purpose to subserve the general interests of the State, while at the same time recognizing the common interests of humanity, especially as they were involved in our Penal and Charitable Institutions, that

I shall not venture to go over, one by one, his careful recommendations, but submit them all to your deliberate judgment as the recommendations of one whose thoughtful, careful, and unselfish consideration of the interests of the State entitles him to speak with an authority beyond that which is conferred by the official position. If, on reflection, we should find ourselves in any particular differing from him in judgment, I am confident we shall find his general conclusions wise and prudent, and shall do well to keep them in view in all our deliberations.

CONCLUSION.

And now, as we enter upon the administration of the duties which the people of the State have enjoined upon us, let us remember that the importance of the work demands our best services. We are, for a brief period, at the head of a popular government, whose welfare rests largely upon the fidelity of its public servants. With keen vigilance thoroughly investigate for yourselves every subject of legislation. Insist upon honesty and economy everywhere in the State service. Avoid the creation of unnecessary offices, and the lavish expenditure of money. Enact wholesome laws to develop the resources of the State and build up its institutions, and you will have discharged your duties in a manner worthy of remembrance. I shall be happy to coöperate with you in all legislation which shall serve to accomplish these ends.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 5, 1877. }

The message was laid on the table.

Mr. Perrin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to furnish, for the use of the Senate, one thousand copies each, of the messages of the retiring Governor and the Governor, printed in the English language; five hundred copies of each, in the German language; three hundred copies of each in the French language; and two hundred copies of each in the Dutch language.

Mr. Nelson moved to amend the resolution so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed for the purpose of conference in relation to the printing of the messages of the out-going and incoming Governors for the use of the Senate.

Which motion prevailed.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

The President announced as such committee: Senators Nelson, Edsell, Packard, Burleigh and Redfield.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the message of His Excellency, Ex-Governor Bagley, and the message of His Excellency, Governor Croswell, be referred to a select committee of five who shall designate and recommend a reference to the proper standing committees of the subject matter embraced therein.

Which was adopted.

The President announced as such committee: Senators Taylor, Nelson, Baxter, Shoemaker and Foote.

Mr. Baxter moved to take from the table the following resolution :

Resolved, That rule 18 of the Senate be so amended as to provide for an additional committee on the Normal School;

Which motion prevailed.

The question then recurring on the passage of the resolution, The resolution was adopted, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 5, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That when the Legislature adjourn to-day it be until Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at 11 o'clock A. M. And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same by striking out the words "11 o'clock A. M." and inserting in lieu thereof the words "8 o'clock, P. M."

In the passage of which as thus amended the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Wm. Cook moved that the Senate concur in the amendment made to the concurrent resolution by the House.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Cook,
The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, January 9, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock P. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senators Adair, Freeman, Hinchman, Jenney, Markey, McElroy, Rankin, Redfield, and Wilcox.

Mr. Breitung asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Redfield for this evening.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. McElroy for this evening and to-morrow.

Mr. Waterbury asked and obtained leave of absence for Senators Adair, Freeman, Hinchman, Jenney, Markey, Rankin, and Wilcox, for this evening.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Waterbury gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the village of Lexington to issue its bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village.

Mr. Foote gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to facilitate the collection of promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.

Mr. Breitung gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce.

A bill to revise the law providing for the incorporation of companies for mining, smelting, or manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal, and other ores or minerals, and to fix the duties and liabilities of such corporations;

Also,

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, and defining the duties and compensation of the same.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 28, of Chapter 172 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4837, relative to guardians and wards;

Also,

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, by the Auditor General, sold for taxes and unredeemed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, January 10, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

Appropriations and Finance—Messrs. Andrus, Rankin, Chamberlain, Waterbury, Shoemaker.

Claims and Public Accounts—Messrs. McElroy, Morse, Burleigh.

State Affairs—Messrs. Read, Wm. Cook, Adair.

Judiciary—Messrs. Perrin, Burch, Williams, Foote, Wilcox.

Federal Relations—Messrs. Baxter, Morgan, Redfield.

Education and Public Schools—Messrs. Newcomb, Jenney, Shoemaker.

State Public School—Messrs. Chamberlain, Freeman, Foote.

Public Health—Messrs. Osborn, Newcomb, Tyler.

Banks and Incorporations—Messrs. Edsell, Morgan, Hinchman.

Military Affairs—Messrs. Taylor, Jenney, Burleigh.

Public Lands—Messrs. Waterbury, Osborn, Williams.

Railroads—Messrs. Baxter, Breitung, Wilcox.

Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Adair, Packard, Morse.

Counties and Townships—Messrs. Morse, Waterbury, Markey.

Cities and Villages—Messrs. Hinchman, McElroy, Perrin.

Agricultural Interests—Messrs. Wm. Cook, Read, Morse.

Mechanical Interests—Messrs. Wilcox, McElroy, Packard.

Saline Interests—Messrs. Foote, Andrus, Breitung.
Lumber Interests—Messrs. Nelson, Burch, Tyler.
Fisheries—Messrs. Tyler, Chamberlain, Nelson.
Canals and River and Harbor Improvements—Messrs. Williams, Osborn, Redfield.
Mines and Minerals and Mining Interests—Messrs. Breitung, Osborn, Tyler.
Religious and Benevolent Societies—Messrs. Edsell, Freeman, Hinchman.
Immigration—Messrs. Markey, Breitung, Williams.
Insurance—Messrs. Freeman, Waterbury, Nelson.
Printing—Messrs. Rankin, D. R. Cook, Taylor.
State Prison—Messrs. Wm. Cook, Packard, Adair.
State Reform School—Messrs. D. R. Cook, Perrin, Markey.
Asylums for the Insane—Messrs. Newcomb, Chamberlain, Burleigh.
Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind—Messrs. Packard, D. R. Cook, Wilcox.
Agricultural College—Messrs. Jenney, Read, Shoemaker.
University—Messrs. Taylor, Newcomb, Hinchman.
Geological Survey of the State—Messrs. Osborn, Redfield, Baxter.
State Capitol and Public Buildings—Messrs. Morgan, Hinchman, Taylor.
State Library—Messrs. Redfield, Edsell, Andrus.
Expiring Laws—Messrs. Burleigh, Edsell, Rankin.
Constitutional Amendments—Messrs. Morgan, Rankin, Foote.
Rules and Joint Rules—Messrs. Shoemaker, Read, Wm. Cook.
State House of Correction—Messrs. Nelson, Morse, Adair.
State Normal School—Messrs. Burch, Newcomb, Redfield.
Engrossment and Enrollment of Bills—Messrs. Jenney, Freeman, Burleigh.
Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses of the Senate—Messrs. McElroy, D. R. Cook, Markey.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Wilcox: Memorial of Otto A. Berger and Geo. W. Menter, relative to the pay of non-commissioned officers and musicians of the Sixth and Seventh regiments of Michigan Infantry for services rendered in the month of August, 1861.

Referred to the committee on military affairs.

By the President: Memorial of the National Board of Trade of the United States, relative to the establishment of art and science schools in the United States.

Referred to the committee on education.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

By the special committee relative to the messages of the retiring Governor and Governor:

The special committee to whom was referred the message of retiring Governor Bagley, and also the message of His Excellency Governor Croswell, for division and reference to the appropriate committees, respectfully report as follows:

So much of Gov. Bagley's message as refers to the financial condition of the State, be referred to the committee on appropriations and finance;

So much as refers to the sinking fund, to the committee on State affairs;

So much as refers to the State lands and roads, to the committee on public lands;

So much as refers to education, to the committee on education and public schools;

So much as refers to the Normal School, to the committee on Normal School;

So much as refers to the Agricultural College, to committee on Agricultural College;

So much as refers to the University, to the committee on University;

So much as refers to the Insane Asylums of the State, to the committee on Asylums for the Insane;

So much as refers to the State public school, to the committee on State Public School;

So much as refers to the Reform School, to the committee on State Reform School;

So much as refers to the deaf, dumb, and blind, to the committee on Asylum for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind;

So much as refers to State Prison, to the committee on State Prison;

So much as refers to State House of Correction, to the committee on State House of Correction;

So much as refers to the State poor, to the committee on State affairs;

So much as refers to the new capitol, to the committee on State Capitol and public buildings;

So much as refers to railroads, to the committee on railroads;

So as refers to railroad grants, to the committees on railroads and public lands jointly;

So much as refers to St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal, to the committee on canals, river and harbor improvements;

So much as refers to specific taxation, to committee on State affairs;

So much as refers to insurance, to the committee on insurance;

So much as refers to banks and incorporations, to committee on banks and incorporations;

So much as refers to municipal taxation, to committee on State affairs;

So much as refers to the military, to the committee on military affairs;

So much as refers to fish-culture, to the committee on fisheries;

So much as refers to constitutional amendments, to the committee on constitutional amendments;

So much as refers to the State Library, to the committee on State Library;

So much as refers to the State Board of Health, to the committee on public health;

So much as refers to the State Pioneer Society, to the committee on State affairs;

So much as refers to the Relief Fund, to the committee on State affairs;

So much as refers to the liquor traffic, to the committee on the judiciary;

So much of Governor Croswell's message as refers to finances, be referred to the committee on appropriations and finance;

So much as refers to assessments and taxation, to the committee on appropriations and finance;

So much as refers to tax sales and tax deeds, and conveyances and the record thereof, to the committee on the judiciary;

So much as refers to the special commission, to the committee on the judiciary;

So much as refers to the State Capitol, to the committee on State Capitol and public buildings;

So much as refers to the judicial circuits, to the committee on the judiciary;

So much as refers to the constitutional amendments, to the committee on constitutional amendments;

So much as refers to the common schools, to the committee on education and public schools;

So much as refers to the State University, to the committee on University;

So much as refers to the Normal School, to the committee on State Normal School;

So much as refers to the school of mechanic arts, to the committee on mechanical interests and the University jointly;

So much as refers to the Agricultural College and agriculture, to the committee on Agricultural College;

So much as refers to the State Public School, to the committee on State Public School;

So much as refers to the State Prison, to the committee on State Prison;

So much as refers to the State House of Correction, to the committee on State House of Correction;

So much as refers to crime and criminal laws, to the committee on the judiciary;

So much as refers to the Reform School, to the committee on State Reform School;

So much as refers to humane institutions, to the committee on religions and benevolent societies;

So much as refers to elections, to the committee on the judiciary;

So much as refers to the liquor laws, to the committee on the judiciary;

So much as refers to legislation, to the committee on State affairs.

Your committee recommend that in all cases where appropriations are asked for State institutions, that the committees on the several institutions to whom the subjects are respectively referred, act jointly with the committee on appropriations and finance in reference to the amounts to be appropriated.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and your committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

LORISON J. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Read gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce A bill to authorize the compilation, printing, and distribution of the laws relative to the support of county poor.

Mr. Baxter offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That the amount of postage stamps furnished by the postmaster at Lansing, to the State printer for the pre-payment of postage on the daily journal, in compliance with concurrent resolutions passed at this session, be paid by the State Treasurer on the warrant of the Auditor General, to be drawn upon presentation of bills for such postage, as it shall from time to time accrue, duly certified by said postmaster and by the foreman of the State bindery, showing that such postage stamps have been actually furnished and used for the purpose aforesaid;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Baxter also offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the House concurring), That the committees on printing of the two houses be instructed to enquire into the expediency of instructing the State printer to forward to the clerk of each organized township, city, and incorporated village in the State, to be kept on file in his office for the use of the public, one copy of the daily journal, which journals shall be in lieu of those furnished to each house for distribution, and report by resolution or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section one, article nine, of the constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of judges of the circuit court.

Mr. Foote gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections six thousand four hundred and six (6406) and six thousand four hundred and seven (6407) of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by section one of act No. 154 of the laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to facilitate the organization of mutual benefit and coöperative associations within this State.

Mr. Newcomb gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend "An act to incorporate the village of Blissfield," in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan.

Mr. Osborn gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 16, 18, 23, 27, 32, and 39 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for a uniformity of text books in the primary and graded schools of the State;

Also,

A bill to protect the lives of railroad passengers from casualties from fire.

Mr. Edsell gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871 relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages.

Mr. Andrus gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Cedar Springs.

By consent, the President announced the following:

OFFICE OF COMPILER OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL, }
Lansing, January 8, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—The 29th sub-division of rule 18 of the Senate provides for a commit-

tee on "asylum for the insane." I would respectfully ask if the rule should not be amended so as to read "asylums for the insane," or provision be made for a committee on the Eastern Asylum at Pontiac.

Very respectfully yours,

ALLEN L. BOURS,

Compiler of the Manual.

Mr. Baxter moved to amend rule 18 of the Senate, so that the 29th subdivision thereof shall read "asylums for the insane;"

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators voting therefor.

Mr. Wilcox offered the following:

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the list of standing committees of the Senate be printed for the use of the members of the Senate;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Perrin offered the following;

Resolved, That Senate Rule No. 14 be so changed that the 4th line of said rule shall read "the Journal or public papers are being read:"

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The motion was referred to the committee on rules and joint rules.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on appropriations and finance be and they are hereby directed to ascertain and report to the Secretary of the Senate the number of miles of travel for which each member and officer of the Senate will be entitled to draw mileage;

Which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Waterbury, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the village of Lexington to issue its bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. Waterbury moved that the rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage;

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the Senators present not voting therefor.

The bill was then referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Breitung, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced,

A bill to revise the law providing for the incorporation of companies for mining, smelting, or manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal, and other ores or minerals, and to fix the duties and liabilities of such corporations;

Also,

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, and defining the duties and compensation of the same.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their title and referred to the committee on mines and minerals, and mining interests.

Mr. Foote, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced,

A bill to facilitate the collection of promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced,

A bill to amend section 28, of chapter 172 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4837, relative to guardians and wards;

Also,

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, by the Auditor General, sold for taxes and unredeemed.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

On motion of Mr Burch,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 1-2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Redfield : Petition of the Bar of Monroe county as to fees of County Clerks and registers in chancery ;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Freeman : Memorial and resolutions of Board of Supervisors of Ionia county, relative to the cost of supplies at the Asylum for the Insane ;

Referred to the committee on the asylum for the insane.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on cities and villages :

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred a bill to authorize the village of Lexington to issue its bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 82, of the session laws of 1873, entitled

"An to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies, and defining their powers and duties," and approved April 15, 1873.

Mr. Foote gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 54 of act No. 496, of the laws of 1867, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to revise and amend the charter of the City of Saginaw,' " approved February 5th, 1859.

Mr. Burleigh offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate, at his convenience, after each day's adjournment, cause cards to be placed in the hall of the Senate Chamber, indicating, by numbers, the bills and joint or concurrent resolutions on the general order, or on the special order, for the following day;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Jenney offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a State Senator may, without impropriety, under the constitution of this State, accept and hold the office of member of the State Board of Education.

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

The resolution was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate be and he is hereby instructed to procure at once appropriate badges for the messenger boys of the Senate, to be worn by them during the sessions of this Legislature.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Andrus gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill requiring railroad companies, operating lines or parts of lines of road in this State, to give thirty days notice before increasing rates of freight.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 5180 and 5181, being sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to appeals to the supreme court, in chancery.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Morgan, by unanimous consent, introduced

A bill making an appropriation for the support of the State public school, and providing for the construction of buildings, and for making other improvements to that institution.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State public schools.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, January 11, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Duffield.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Senator McElroy.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. McElroy for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Newcomb: Memorial of the Board of Supervisors of Lenawee county, relative to moneys received from the tax on the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Newcomb moved that the memorial be printed in the Journal;

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the memorial:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF LENAWEE, } ss.

At a session of the Board of Supervisors of Lenawee county, held at the Court House, in the City of Adrian, in said county, on the 27th day of December, 1876, Mr. Walton offered the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, That unfortunate class, the poor, seems to be on the increase throughout the county, and demands at our hands increased appropriations, and as a very large proportion of the said poor are made so, directly or indirectly, by the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, it seems to us but justice that the tax arising from the sale of intoxicating liquors be made, as far as practicable, to support such poor; therefore

Resolved, That our Senator and Representatives in the State Legislature be requested and instructed to use all honorable means to secure the amendment of section 13 of act No. 228, of the session laws of 1875, so that the tax provided for in said act shall go into the poor fund of the county in counties where the distinction between township and county poor is abolished, and in counties where the distinction between township and county poor is maintained, said tax shall go to the support of the poor of the township;

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board be instructed to forward to our Senator and members of the House of Representatives in the State Legislature a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

Preamble and resolutions adopted—yeas, 22; nays, 1.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF LENAWEE, } ss.

I, Henry C. Conkling, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the preamble and resolutions adopted by said Board on the 27th day of December, 1876.

H. C. CONKLING,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The memorial was referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on mines, minerals, and mining interests:

The committee on mines, minerals, and mining interests, to whom was referred

A bill to revise the laws for the incorporation of companies for mining, smelting, or manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal, and other ores or minerals, and for the duties and liabilities of such corporations;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDWARD BREITUNG, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on mines, minerals, and mining interests:

The committee on mines, minerals, and mining interests, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, and defining the duties and compensation of the same;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDWARD BREITUNG, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on judiciary:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 28, of chapter 172 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4837, relative to guardians and wards,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands sold for taxes, and unredeemed, by the Auditor General,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on judiciary:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to facilitate the collection of promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments,

Respectfully report that they have the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGE FROM THE OTHER HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 11, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the compiler of the *Legislative Manual* be directed to compile and publish in pamphlet form, without delay, for the use of the two Houses, a list of the members and officers of each House, with their statistics, the standing committees of each House, the Senatorial and Representative districts of the State, with the population of each, the Rules of each House, the Joint Rules, and Rules of the two Houses in Joint Convention: *Provided*, That no additional compensation shall be allowed to the compiler thereof;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Edsell moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution;

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The concurrent resolution was referred to the committee on printing.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prescribe the powers and duties of officers authorized by law to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity, and of the notice to be given in such cases.

Mr. Williams offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to appoint one messenger boy for himself;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the judiciary committee of the Senate be authorized to appoint a clerk at a compensation not exceeding three dollars per day ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to compel persons elected to office to take an oath that they did not use money to secure their election.

Mr. Tyler gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the appointment of a State trespass agent.

Mr. Morse gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 18 of chapter 21 (compiler's section 984), compiled laws of 1871, relative to assessment and collection of taxes.

Mr. Rankin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution authorizing the purchase of certain books of a public nature, for the use of the State.

Mr. Burch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6465, the same being entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts and the district court of the Upper Peninsula :

Also,

A bill to provide for the taxation of an attorney fee in favor of the prevailing party in actions at law in justice courts ;

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to intro-

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873 ;

Also,

A joint resolution to amend section 12 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to the clerk of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Tyler gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prevent fishing within the limits of the State of Michigan with nets a part of each year, and to regulate the same.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Freeman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 82, of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies, and defining their powers and duties," and approved April 15, 1873.

Also

A bill to facilitate the organization of mutual benefit and coöperative associations within this State.

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on insurance.

Mr. Osborn, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 16, 18, 23, 27, and 39, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for a uniformity of text-books in the primary and graded schools of the State;

Also,

A bill to protect the lives of railroad passengers from casualties from fire.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

Mr. Edsell, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate took a recess until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

The President announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, Jan. 10, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—Pursuant to a resolution of the Senate, I have appointed Denison E. Groesbeck, of Kalamazoo county, Assistant Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

JOHN L. FRISBIE,

Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk of the Senate.

Mr. Groesbeck then came forward, took and subscribed the oath of office, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Taylor: Memorial of the members of the Bar of the county of Shiawassee, relative to the fees of county clerks and registers in chancery.

Mr. Taylor moved that the memorial be printed in the journal;

Which motion did not prevail.

The memorial was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Baxter: Memorial of the Board of Supervisors of the county of Hillsdale, through Wm. R. Montgomery, committee, relative to the expenses of circuit courts in the trial of civil cases;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By the same: Memorial of the Board of Supervisors of the county of Hillsdale, through Wm. R. Montgomery, a committee for the purpose, on the subject of taxation of property at its cash value;

Referred to the committee on appropriation and finance.

By Mr. Breitung: Sundry petitions in relation to the creation of the office of Commissioner of Mineral Statistics.

Referred to the committee on mines, minerals, and mining interests.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Baxter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the State Normal School for the years 1877 and 1878;

Also,

A bill making an appropriation for the erection of an addition to the State Normal School.

Mr. Foote gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend to section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849.

Mr. Finchman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections two and three of chapter ninety-five, being sections 2837 and 2838 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, the same being an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for mining, smelting, or manufacturing iron, copper, mineral coal, silver, or other ores or minerals, and for other manufacturing purposes," approved February 5, 1853.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill supplemental to an act for the encouragement of agriculture and the mechanic arts, approved March 16, 1849, being sections 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167 of the compiled laws of 1871.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 57 of chapter 176 being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186, of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery.

Mr. Wm. Cook gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend Sec. 1 of Act No. 29 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the approval of the official bonds of county officers by the board of supervisors," approved March 14, 1873.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Nelson, previous notice not having been given, by unanimous consent introduced

A bill making a special appropriation for the State House of Correction at Ionia.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Baxter in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

Senate bill No. 1, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Lexington to issue bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee of the whole.

The bill was then placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took up business under the order of

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 1, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Lexington to issue its bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Read,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, January 12, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Slade.

Roll called : a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on printing :

The committee on printing, to whom was referred the following House concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the compiler of the Legislative Manual be directed to compile and publish in pamphlet form, without delay, for the use of the two Houses, a list of the members and officers of each House, with their statistics, the Standing Committees of each House, the Senatorial and Representative districts of the State, with the population of each, the Rules of each House, the Joint Rules, and Rules of the two Houses in Joint Convention :

Provided, That no additional compensation shall be allowed to the compiler therefor.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the first clause thereof be amended by adding thereto the words "and that five hundred copies of said pamphlet be printed," and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the resolution, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. H. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the concurrent resolution by the committee.

The concurrent resolution was then adopted.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

In accordance with the following resolution adopted by the Senate :

Resolved, That the committee on appropriations and finance be and they are hereby directed to ascertain and report to the Secretary of the Senate the number of miles of travel for which each member and officer of the Senate will be entitled to draw mileage ;

The committee on appropriations and finance respectfully report the following :

	MILES.		MILES.
Lient. Gov. Sessions.....	90	Mr. D. R. Cook.....	120
Mr. Adair.....	174	Wm. Cook.....	100
Andrus.....	186	Edsell.....	240
Baxter.....	120	Footo.....	128
Breitung.....	1382	Freeman.....	80
Burleigh.....	160	Hinchman.....	174
Burch.....	296	Jenney.....	224
Chamberlain.....	350	Markey.....	194

	MILES.		MILES.
Mr. McElroy.....	300	James H. Stone, Secretary.....	300
Morgan.....	160	Edwin S. Hoskins, Ass't Sec'y. . .	68
Morse.....	168	John L. Frisbie, Engrossing and	
Nelson.....	304	Enrolling Clerk.....	130
Newcomb.....	172	Denison E. Groesbeck, Ass't En-	
Osborn.....	1462	grossing and Enrolling Clerk..	214
Packard.....	310	Charles H. Perkins, Sergeant-at-	
Perrin.....	48	Arms.....	222
Rankin.....	222	Moses B. Houghton, Ass't Ser-	
Read.....	232	geant-at-Arms.....	296
Redfield.....	266	Barnhart Rice, Janitor.....	132
Shoemaker.....	80	Charles Rice, Messenger.....	132
Taylor.....	38	Willie Packard ".....	310
Tyler.....	164	Clayton A. Read ".....	232
Waterbury.....	334	Moses A. Chamberlain, Messenger	350
Wilcox.....	236	Henry S. Holden, ".....	222
Williams.....	420	Victor Barry, ".....	266

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on insurance:

The committee on insurance, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 82, of the session laws of 1873, relating to mutual fire insurance companies, their powers and duties,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on insurance:

The committee on insurance, to whom was referred

A bill to facilitate the organization of co-operative and mutual benefit associations,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a State senator may, without impropriety, under the constitution of this State, accept and hold the office of member of the State Board of Education,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and

have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the resolution be amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That a member of the State Board of Education may, under the constitution of this State, as adopted by the convention making the same, and the copy thereof enrolled, signed, and filed in the office of the Secretary of State, accept and hold the office of State Senator:

And when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the resolution by the committee.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee appointed for the purpose of conference in relation to the printing of the message of the out-going and incoming Governors in different languages for the use of the Senate,

Respectfully report that they have had the matter under consideration, and would recommend that one thousand copies be printed in the English, five hundred in the German and five hundred in the Dutch languages, for the use of the Senate, and that the said messages be stitched together as one document, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. D. NELSON, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Baxter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on State affairs be requested to examine and enquire into the expediency of effecting insurance on State property by the several boards and commissions having the same in charge, that such boards and commissions may understand what is expected of them in the premises, and some uniform rule be adopted, and to report by bill or otherwise;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Baxter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill in relation to voluntary assignments, and to compel assignees to give security.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 5, act No. 79, of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Railroads, and to define his powers and duties, and fix his compensation."

Mr. Edsell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be and he is hereby instructed to furnish, for the use of the Senate, one thousand copies each of ex-Governor Bagley's and Governor Croswell's messages printed in the English language, and five hundred copies of each in the German, and five hundred copies of each in the Dutch language, to be bound together in pamphlet style;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the election of President *pro tem.* of the Senate be made the special order for next Tuesday, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon ;
Which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Baxter, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the State Normal School for the years 1877 and 1878 ;

Also,

A bill making an appropriation for the erection of an addition to the State Normal School.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on Normal School.

Mr. Freeman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of officers authorized by law to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity, and of the notice to be given in such cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill supplemental to an act for the encouragement of agriculture and the mechanic arts, approved March 16, 1849, being sections 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167 of the compiled laws of 1871.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on agricultural interests.

Mr. Andrus, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18, 1871.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Rankin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A joint resolution authorizing the purchase of certain books of a public nature, for the use of the State.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State library.

Mr. Wm. Cook, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 29 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the approval of the official bonds of county officers by the board of supervisors," approved March 14, 1873.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 5180 and 5181, being sections 144 and 145 of chap-

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THE SENATE.



ter 176 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to appeals to the supreme court in chancery ;

Also,

A bill to amend section 57 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the sessions laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to courts of chancery.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Nelson in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report :

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill :
Senate bill No. 7, entitled,

A bill making a special appropriation for the State House of Correction at Ionia ;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee of the whole.

The bill was then placed in the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took up business under the order of

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 7, entitled,

A bill making a special appropriation for the State House of Correction at Ionia,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborne,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams, 32

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

On motion of Mr. Reed,
The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.
Roll called: a quorum present.

MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }
Lansing, Jan. 11, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (The House concurring), That the amount of postage stamps furnished by the postmaster at Lansing, to the State printer for the pre-payment of postage on the daily journal, in compliance with concurrent resolutions passed at this session, be paid by the State Treasurer on the warrant of the Auditor General, to be drawn upon presentation of bills for such postage, as it shall from time to time accrue, duly certified by said postmaster and by the foreman of the State bindery, showing that such postage stamps have been actually furnished and used for the purpose aforesaid.

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 12, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, A defalcation, extending over a long period of years, and embracing quite a large sum of money, has been discovered in the management of the chemical laboratory of the State University;

And whereas, The Regents of the University in their "statement of certain needs of the University of Michigan," which they have published and placed in the hands of the members of the Legislature, have invited, and generously offered every facility for the most thorough and exhaustive investigation, either of the defalcation itself, or their mode of treating it; therefore,

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the committees on the University of the Senate and House of Representatives, be and they are hereby instructed, jointly, to make a thorough and exhaustive investigation of said defalcation.

and of any and every subject-matter connected therewith, which in their judgment may require investigation, to the end that said committees may report to their respective Houses whether any, and if so what legislation is needed, and that said committee sit with open doors.

Resolved, That said Committees have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives, and be empowered to administer oaths, compel the attendance of persons and the production of papers, and to employ a stenographer to take and transcribe the testimony at a compensation not exceeding ten cents per folio.

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Edsell moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution;

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The concurrent resolution was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 12, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Commissioner of Railroads be and is hereby requested to transmit for the use of the two Houses, any information in his possession relative to the taxation of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, and also in regard to the various existing railroad charters;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Baxter moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

Which motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the committee on the judiciary submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary would respectfully report to the Senate that they have appointed Charles C. Hopkins, of Wayne county, clerk of such committee, as authorized by resolution of the Senate passed January 11th, 1877.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

By unanimous consent, the committee on rules and joint rules submitted the following report:

The committee on rules and joint rules would respectfully recommend that rule eighteen of the Senate be amended, in the arrangement and numbers of the committees, so as to read:

1. Appropriations and Finance.
2. Judiciary.
3. Federal Relations.

4. State Affairs.
 5. University.
 6. Agricultural College.
 7. State Normal School.
 8. State Public School.
 9. Education and Public Schools.
 10. State Reform School.
 11. State House of Correction.
 12. State Prison.
 13. Asylums for the Insane.
 14. Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.
 15. Religious and Benevolent Societies.
 16. Claims and Public Accounts.
 17. Banks and Incorporations.
 18. Railroads.
 19. Cities and Villages.
 20. Mines, Minerals, and Mining Interests.
 21. Canals, and River and Harbor Improvements.
 22. Printing.
 23. Constitutional Amendments.
 24. State Library.
 25. Military Affairs.
 26. Insurance.
 27. State Capitol and Public Buildings.
 28. Public Health.
 29. Public Lands.
 30. Immigration.
 31. Geological Survey of the State.
 32. Agricultural Interests.
 33. Mechanical interests.
 34. Saline Interests.
 35. Lumber Interests.
 36. Fisheries.
 37. Counties and Townships.
 38. Roads and Bridges.
 39. Expiring Laws.
 40. Rules and Joint Rules.
 41. Engrossment and Enrollment.
 42. Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The report of the committee was concurred in, and rule 18 of the Senate amended as recommended therein, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Redfield gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections one and two of act No. (15) fifteen of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers."

Mr. Redfield offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourn to-day it be until Monday evening, January fifteenth, at eight o'clock.

Mr. Chamberlain called for the yeas and nays.

The resolution was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Rankin,	Mr. Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Redfield,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Markey,	Shoemaker,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Nelson,		

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Perrin,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Read,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Edsell,	Morgan,		

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Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the University for the years 1877 and 1878.

Mr. Wilcox gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies," approved April 18, 1871, by adding a new section thereto relative to the erection and construction of bridges;

Also,

A bill to authorize the employment of private counsel to assist in criminal prosecutions with the approval of the circuit judge and without additional cost to the county.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6465, the same being entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts and the district court of the Upper Peninsular.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the compilation, printing, and distribution of the laws relative to the support of county poor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A joint resolution to amend section 12 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to the appointment of clerk of the Supreme Court.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate went into executive session at 2:57 o'clock P. M.

The executive session closed at 4 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate adjourned.



Lansing, Saturday, January 13, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senators Burch, Wm. Cook, Foote, Hinchman, Nelson, Rankin, Taylor and Tyler.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Burch for the day.

Mr. Read asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wm. Cook and Mr. Rankin for the day.

Mr. Perrin asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Foote for the day.

Mr. Osborn asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hinchman for the day.

Mr. Breitung asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Taylor for the day.

Mr. Markey asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Tyler for the day.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Nelson for the day.

Mr. Burleigh asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for the day.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the compiling, printing and distribution of the laws relating to the support of poor persons,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to define the powers and duties of officers authorized to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity; and to prescribe the notice to be given in such cases;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to define the powers and duties of officers authorized to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity, and to prescribe the notice to be given in such cases;

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in and do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 12, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 7, entitled

A bill making a special appropriation for the State House of Correction at Ionia,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to continue the School of Mines in the University of Michigan.

The committee on engrossment and enrollment submitted the following report:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill making a special appropriation for the State House of Correction at Ionia,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Baxter, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill in relation to voluntary assignments, and to compel assignees to give security.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 16th, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Lansing, Tuesday, January 16, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bryant.

Roll called: a quorum present.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bill to the Governor, under the rule:

A bill making a special appropriation for the State House of Correction at Ionia.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Waterbury: Petition of John Makelim, W. H. York, Wm. H. Odell and 67 others for increased taxation for the benefit of highways.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Breitung: Petition of S. F. Seager, S. L. Smith and 32 other business men of the city of Lansing, for the creation of the office of Commissioner of Mineral Statistics.

Referred to the committee on mines, minerals, and mining interests.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on agricultural interests:

The committee on agricultural interests, to whom was referred

A bill supplemental to an act for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts, approved March 16, 1849, being sections 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILLIAM COOK, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Joint resolution to amend section 12 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to appointment of clerk of the Supreme Court,

Respectfully report that they have the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 16, 18, 23, 32, and 39, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 12th, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the committees on printing of the two houses be instructed to enquire into the expediency of instructing the State printer to forward to the clerk of each organized township, city, and incorporated village in the State, to be kept on file in his office for the use of the public, one copy of the daily journal, which journals shall be in lieu of those furnished to each house for distribution, and report by resolution or otherwise;

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

D. L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Read offered the following:

Resolved, That the naming of a United States Senator in place of Hon. Thomas W. Ferry, whose term of office will expire on the 4th day of March next, be made a special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rankin offered the following:

Resolved, That the correspondents or reporters of the Detroit Free Press, Detroit Tribune, Detroit Post, and such other newspapers as desire to be represented, be assigned to places on the platform, and that the said correspondents be furnished with copies of the journal, bills, manuals, reports, and all other printed documents pertaining to the business of the Senate;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Morgan gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 11 of an act entitled "An act to establish a State Public School for dependent and neglected children," approved April 17, 1871, and to add one new section to said act (as amended by act number 144 of 1873, and act number 58 of 1875), to be known as section 23.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 4257 of the compiled laws of 1871, and act number 46 of the laws of 1875, approved March 20, 1875, being a bill to provide for the recording of patents in the office of the Secretary of State, to legalize the record of patents heretofore recorded in said office, and to provide for the recording of copies of the record of patents duly certified by the Secretary of State, in the several counties of this State.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate the "Ionia Light Guards."

Mr. Hinchman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the formation of land companies.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the taxation of an attorney fee in favor of the prevailing party in actions at law in justice courts;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Foote, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 6406 and 6407 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by section one of act No. 154 of the laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced,

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Tyler, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the appointment of a State trespass agent.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public lands.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Read in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 3, entitled

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, and defining the duties and compensation of the same;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following bills:

2. Senate bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to amend section 28, of chapter 172 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4837, relative to guardians and wards;

3. Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands sold for taxes, and unredeemed, by the Auditor General;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Baxter moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the first-named bill by the committee,

Pending which,

Mr. Waterbury moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on mines, minerals, and mining interests;

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion to concur in the amendments was then agreed to, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The second and third named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on cities and villages :

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs, approved March 18th, 1871 ;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred,

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being sections 5180 and 5181 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, relative to the courts in chancery,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being sections 5180 and 5181 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, relative to the courts of chancery,

With the recommendation that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report acted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

The committee on judiciary :

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the taxation of an attorney fee in favor of the prevailing party in actions at law in justice courts ;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 13, 1877. }

To the Senate :

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited with the Secretary of State :
An act making a special appropriation for the State House of Correction, at
Ionia.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, January 16, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the compiler of the Manual be further instructed to make a copious index to the same ;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Ionia.

Mr. Waterbury moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred in the adoption of the following concurrent resolution received from the House :

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the compiler of the Manual be further instructed to make a copious index to the same.

Which motion did not prevail.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 3, entitled

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, and defining the duties and compensation of the same,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,
Andrus,
Baxter,
Breitung,

Mr. Wm. Cook,
Edsell,
Foote,
Freeman,

Mr. Morgan,
Morse,
Nelson,
Newcomb,

Mr. Rankin,
Read,
Redfield,
Taylor,

Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. Hinchman,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,		

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Mr. Shoemaker,	Mr. Waterbury,	
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to amend section 28, of chapter 172 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4837, relative to guardians and wards,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by inserting the following, to stand as an enacting clause:

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact*, That section twenty-eight, of chapter one hundred and seventy-two, of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, being compiler's section four thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, relative to guardians and wards, be so amended as to read as follows;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, sold for taxes and unredeemed, by the Auditor General;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Baxter, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by inserting after the words "year of sale," in the 4th line of section 1, the words "the amount for which sold;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Burch, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by inserting after the word "receive," in line 6 of section 1, the words "for the use and benefit of the State;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Williams, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the word "year," in line 4 of section 1, and inserting the word "date;"

Which was agreed to.

The bill **was then** passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams, 32

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Title agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The President announced that the hour of half-past two had arrived, the time fixed by resolution of the Senate for the election of President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The election of President *pro tem.* of the Senate was postponed and made the special order for Friday afternoon, January 19, at 2½ o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took a recess until 2.50 o'clock.

2:50 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that there be call of the Senate;

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the Senate was called by the Secretary, and no Senators reported absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The President announced that the hour of three o'clock had arrived, the time fixed for naming a Senator in Congress in place of Hon. Thomas W. Ferry, whose term of office expires on the 4th day of March next.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The Senate proceeded to name such Senator in Congress *viva voce*, each Senator naming the person of his choice, with the following result:

FOR THOMAS W. FERRY.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Read,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,	23

FOR CHARLES S. MAY.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Hinchman,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Shoemaker,	Wilcox,
Footo,			

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The Hon. Thomas W. Ferry received a majority of all the votes cast for the office of Senator in the Congress of the United States.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Edsell in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, and approved April 15, 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies, and defining their powers and duties; and to repeal chapter 97 of the compiled laws of 1871, and also act No. 94 of the session laws of 1871, approved April 12, 1871.

2. Senate bill No. 9, entitled

A bill to facilitate the organization of coöperative and mutual benefit associations within this State.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill to facilitate the collection of promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

W. C. EDSSELL, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first and second named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the third named bill by the committee, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, January 17, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Clark.

Roll called : a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Senator Taylor.

Mr. Morse asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Taylor for this morning.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Waterbury : Petition of John McKellum, W. H. York, A. B. Sumner, and 67 others, citizens of Sanilac county, asking for an appropriation of State swamp lands for the construction of a ditch to drain a certain swamp in said county ;

Referred to the committee on public lands.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State Library :

The committee on State Library, to whom was referred joint resolution authorizing the purchase of certain books of a public nature for the use of the State,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. J. REDFIELD, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 6406 and 6407 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by section one of Act No. 154 of the session laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 57 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186, of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute, entitled

A bill to amend section 57 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery,

With the recommendation that the substitute be concurred in and do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Redfield gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the purchase of books for the State Library.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the recording of leases;

Also,

A bill to provide the form of deeds and mortgages.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to take from the table the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, A defalcation, extending over a long period of years, and embracing quite a large sum of money, has been discovered in the management of the chemical laboratory of the State University;

And whereas, The Regents of the University in their "statement of certain needs of the University of Michigan," which they have published and placed in the hands of the members of the Legislature, have invited, and generously offered every facility for the most thorough and exhaustive investigation, either of the defalcation itself, or their mode of treating it; therefore,

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the committees on the University of the Senate and House of Representatives, be and they are hereby instructed, jointly, to make a thorough and exhaustive investigation of said defalcation and of any and every subject-matter connected therewith, which in their judgment may require investigation, to the end that said committees may report to their respective Houses whether any, and if so what legislation is needed, and that said committee sit with open doors.

Resolved, That said committees have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives, and be empowered to administer oaths, compel the attendance of persons and the production of papers, and to employ a stenographer to take and transcribe the testimony at a compensation not exceeding ten cents per folio;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being upon the passage of the preamble and resolutions,

Mr. Burleigh called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Williams moved to amend the first resolution so as to read as follows:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the committees on the University of the Senate and House of Representatives be, and they are hereby instructed, jointly, to make such thorough and exhaustive investigation, inquire into and report upon all matters connected with the University, in their judgment requiring action by the legislature, and that said committee sit with open doors.

Mr. Baxter moved that the resolution and pending amendment be laid on the table;

Which motion did not prevail.

The amendment was then not agreed to.

The preamble and resolution were then adopted by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS,

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Taylor,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Tyler,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Raukin,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,	Morse,		

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Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Burch,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Waterbury,
Breitung,	Morgan,		

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Pending the announcement of the vote,

Mr. Chamberlain moved that Mr. Waterbury be excused from voting:

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Waterbury then voted as recorded above.

Mr. Tyler also moved that Mr. Taylor be excused from voting;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Taylor then voted as recorded above.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced a committee from the House who informed the Senate that the House was in readiness to receive the Senate in joint convention to compare their votes for Senator in the Congress of the United States.

JOINT CONVENTION.

The hour of 12 o'clock M., having arrived,

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, to meet the House in joint convention.

[For proceedings in joint convention, see House Journal.]

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber, and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

The president announced that the Senate had met the House in joint convention, and compared their votes for Senator in the Congress of the United States, and that Hon. Thomas W. Ferry, having received a majority of all the votes cast by both Houses of the Legislature, had been duly elected Senator in the Congress of the United States, for the term of six years from the fourth day of March next.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate took a recess until half past two this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Waterbury: Petition of Prayton Rich, Thomas Rich, John Jackson, and 175 others, citizens of Sanilac county, asking for the construction of a ditch in Sanilac county, and for an appropriation of State swamp lands therefor;

Referred to the committee on public lands.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on rules and joint rules:

The committee on rules and joint rules would respectfully recommend that rule 24 be amended by striking out of lines 9, 10, and 11 the words, "resolutions in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requisite, and" inserting in lieu thereof the words "joint rules;"

Also, to amend rule 48 in the 9th line by inserting the words, "the executive session and" after the word "during."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

Rules 24 and 48 were amended as recommended by the committee, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 17, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the printer for the State be and is hereby directed to print and bind 700 copies of the Manual of this House and the Senate,

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Rankin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill limiting the time for paying claims against the State Treasury.

Also,

A bill relative to appropriations.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of Act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, and approved April 15, 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies, and defining their powers and duties; and to repeal chapter 97 of the compiled laws of 1871, and also act No. 94 of the session laws of 1871, approved April 12, 1871,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,			25

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Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Williams,	4
Title agreed to.				

Mr. Shoemaker moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on insurance.

Senate bill No. 9, entitled

A bill to facilitate the organization of mutual benefit and coöperative associations within this State,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	31

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Freeman,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill to facilitate the collection of promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,		

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Mr. Jenney, 1

Title agreed to

Mr. Perrin moved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to respectfully request the House to return to the Senate, Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, sold for taxes, and unredeemed, by the Auditor General;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Packard moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which motion did not prevail.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Morse presented a memorial of James Moore, Sr., upon political economy and financial reform;

Referred to the committee on the asylums for the insane.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, January 18, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ferris.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senator Wm. Cook.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wm. Cook until afternoon.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on judiciary:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same be-

ing section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Memorial of the Board of Supervisors of the county of Hillsdale, through Wm. R. Montgomery, committee, relative to the expenses of circuit courts in the trial of civil cases,

Respectfully report that they have the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it lie on the table, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The memorial was laid on the table.

By the committee on insurance:

The committee on insurance, to whom was recommitted

A bill amending section 1 of act No. 82, relating to mutual fire insurance companies, their powers and duties,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, Jan. 17, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That a committee of two, with a like committee from the Senate, be appointed to invite Prof. R. C. Kedzie to deliver a lecture in this hall, at his earliest convenience, on illuminating oils,

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Michigan and Huron Institute (now known as Kalamazoo College), approved March 21, 1837.

Mr. Baxter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for an annual appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

Joint resolution to amend the Constitution of this State by inserting a provision in section 2 of Article X., empowering the Legislature to organize or discontinue any county composed wholly of islands.

Mr. Nelson offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That the several committees of the Senate and House on the asylums and other State institutions be considered joint committees, and as such are hereby authorized, at such time as may suit their convenience, to visit, inspect, and if need be investigate said institutions, in order that they may be the better qualified to report as to their condition and wants;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 254 of the compiled laws, being an act to establish the rate of fees to be charged by the Auditor General for furnishing transcripts, lists, abstracts and certificates.

Mr. Adair offered the following:

Resolved, That the Compiler of the Manual be requested to prepare and to incorporate in the manual lists of the Senators and Representatives at each regular session of the Legislature from the organization of the State Government;

Which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Morgan, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 11 of an act entitled "An act to establish a State Public School for dependent and neglected children," approved April 17, 1871, and to add one new section to said act (as amended by act number 144 of 1873, and act number 58 of 1875) to be known as section 23.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State public schools.

Mr. Rankin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill relative to appropriations;

Also,

A bill limiting the time for paying claims against the State Treasury.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Mr. Redfield, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers."

Also,

A bill to provide for the purchase of books for the State Library.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State library.

GENERAL ORDER..

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Shoemaker in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 10, entitled

A bill to provide for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws relative to the support of poor persons;

2. Senate bill No. 11, entitled

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, Being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages;

3. Senate bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to define the powers and duties of officers authorized to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity, and to prescribe the notice to be given in such cases;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. Senate joint resolution No. 1, entitled

A joint resolution to amend section 13 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to the appointment of clerk of the Supreme Court; Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

M. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Edsell moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the first, second and third named bills, by the committee of the whole.

Mr. Adair called for a division.

The question first occurring on concurring in the amendments made to the first named bill, by the committee of the whole,

The same were concurred in, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The question next occurring on concurring in the amendments made to the second named bill, by the committee of the whole,

The same were concurred in, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The question next occurring on concurring in the amendments made to the third named bill, by the committee of the whole,

The same were concurred in, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The joint resolution was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Perrin asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Foote for two days.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 18, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have appointed Charles M. Croswell, Jr., as Messenger to this office, pursuant to a resolution authorizing me to make such an appointment.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 18th, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands sold for taxes, and unredeemed, by the Auditor General;

In accordance with the request of the Senate, this day received.

Very respectfully,

D. L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Perrin moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill, Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }

Lansing, Jan. 18, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That Willie L. Grove be and he is hereby appointed postmaster's messenger, at a compensation of one dollar and fifty cents per day.

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Morse moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. Burch moved to amend the resolution so that it should read as follows:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), that the postmaster of the Legislature be authorized to appoint an assistant at a compensation of one dollar and fifty cents per day;

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on concurring in the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

Mr. Taylor called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution then prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows, the President voting yea, under the rules:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,	Perrin,		15

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Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Waterbury,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Shoemaker,		15

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, January 18, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the joint committees of the Senate and House on the University be, and they are hereby authorized to employ the services of a clerk, at their discretion, during any investigations which have been or may be ordered by the Legislature;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Baxter moved that the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate be authorized and directed to hold himself subject to the orders of the committees of the Senate and House, on the University, acting jointly, and execute such instructions as said committees, acting jointly, may give him in summoning witnesses, etc.;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Rankin asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for two days, on legislative business.

Mr. McElroy gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution to amend Article VII. of the constitution, relative to elections, by adding a new section thereto, to stand as section 9, in regard to the qualification of voters.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Burleigh, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, Article IX. of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of judges of the circuit courts.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

Mr. Hinchman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the formation of land companies.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Andrus, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill requiring railroad companies, operating lines or parts of lines of road in this State, to give thirty days' notice before increasing rates of freight.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 10, entitled

A bill to provide for the compilation, printing, and distribution of the laws relative to the support of poor persons,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Hinchman,	Newcomb.	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morse,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,			

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 11, entitled

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871 relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Morse,	Read,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,			

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NAYS.

Mr. Perrin,	Mr. Shoemaker,	Mr. Wilcox,	Mr. Williams,
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to define the powers and duties of officers authorized to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity, and to prescribe the notice to be given in such cases,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morse,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,			

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NAYS.

Mr. Burch,

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Title agreed to.

Senate joint resolution No. 1, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 12 of article VI. of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to appointment of Clerk of the Supreme Court,

Was read a third time and not passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,

Mr. Edsell,

Mr. Perrin,

Mr. Tyler,

Andrus,

McElroy,

Rankin,

Waterbury,

Baxter,

Morse,

Read,

Wilcox,

Breitung,

Nelson,

Redfield,

Williams,

D. R. Cook,

Newcomb,

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NAYS.

Mr. Burleigh,

Mr. Freeman,

Mr. Markey,

Mr. Packard,

Burch,

Hinchman,

Morgan,

Shoemaker,

Chamberlain,

Jenney,

Osborn,

Taylor,

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Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed

Senate bill No. 11, entitled

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,

Mr. Edsell,

Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Rankin,

Andrus,

Freeman,

Morse,

Read,

Baxter,

Hinchman,

Nelson,

Redfield,

Breitung,

Jenney,

Newcomb,

Taylor,

Burleigh,

Markey,

Osborn,

Tyler,

Chamberlain,

McElroy,

Packard,

Waterbury,

D. R. Cook,

25

NAYS.

Mr. Burch,

Shoemaker,

Mr. Wilcox,

Mr. Williams,

Perrin,

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Newcomb moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass

Senate joint resolution No. 1, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 12, of article VI., of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to appointment of Clerk of the Supreme Court;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution,

On motion of Mr. Read,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, January 19, 1877.

The Senate **was** called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Crosby.

Roll called : a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State library :

The committee on State library, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the purchase of books for the State library,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. J. REDFIELD, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

In accordance with the following resolution adopted by the Senate :

Resolved, That the committee on appropriations and finance be and they are hereby directed to ascertain and report to the Secretary of the Senate the number of miles of travel for which each member and officer of the Senate will be entitled to draw mileage ;

The committee on appropriations and finance respectfully report the following additional names :

	Miles.
Charles C. Hopkins, Clerk Judiciary Committee.....	176
Charles M. Crowell, Jr., Governor's Messenger.....	200

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred,

A bill to amend section 2, of act No. 15, of session laws of 1875, approved Feb. 25, 1875, entitled an act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report acted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Morse gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce.

Joint resolution for the relief of Schuyler W. Ambler, county treasurer of Gratiot county.

Mr. Breitung gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section sixteen, of chapter two hundred and thirteen of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled, "The action of replevin."

Mr. Nelson gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate the schools of the city of Muskegon.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the furnishing of sureties by certain State officers.

Mr. Baxter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when in committee of the whole on general order, unless otherwise ordered, no joint resolution or bill shall be taken up for consideration until such resolution or bill shall have been printed and laid on the table of Senators for at least 24 hours for examination, and when in committee of the whole the Senator or committee who introduced or reported the bill shall first be called upon to explain the object and scope of the resolution or bill.

Mr. Read moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on rules.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2, of chapter 215, of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to liens of mechanics.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Michigan and Huron Institute' (now known as Kalamazoo College)," approved March 21, 1837.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 254 of the compiled laws, being an act to establish the rate of fees to be charged by the Auditor General for furnishing transcripts, lists, abstracts and certificates;

Also,

A bill to amend section 4257 of the compiled laws of 1871, and act number 46 of the laws of 1875, approved March 20, 1875, being a bill to provide for the recording of patents in the office of the Secretary of State, to legalize the record of patents heretofore recorded in said office, and to provide for the recording of copies of the record of patents duly certified by the Secretary of State, in the several counties of this State.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Breitung in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

Senate bill No. 14, entitled

1. A bill to amend sections 16, 18, 23, 27, and 39 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875.

Senate bill No. 15, entitled

2. A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 17, 1871.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

EDWARD BREITUNG, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the first named bill, by the committee, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the second named bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on cities and villages.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the president.

Roll called: a quorum present.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The President announced that the hour of half-past two had arrived, the time fixed by resolution of the Senate for the election of President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate proceeded to such election, with the following result:

FOR CHARLES D. NELSON.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,
Burch,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Williams,

FOR WILLIAM ADAIR.

Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Shoemaker,	Mr. Wilcox,	
Hinchman,	Redfield,			6

FOR MICHAEL SHOEMAKER.

Mr. Adair,		1
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FOR WITTER J. BAXTER.

Mr. Nelson,		1
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The President announced that Hon. Charles D. Nelson, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Mr. Burleigh asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence for Mr. Tyler, on account of sickness in his family.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Newcomb: Memorial of the president and trustees of the village of Hudson against any change in the disposition of the tax on intoxicating liquors;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Remonstrance of J. F. Phillips, A. D. Brown and 50 others, against a division of a certain school district in Eaton county;

Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Williams: Petition of W. P. Wilcox and 50 others, asking to have the organization of the townships of Grayling, Center Plains, South Branch, and Maple Forest by the Board of Supervisors of Kalkaska county, legalized.

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

STATE OF MICHIGAN,	}
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,	
LANSING, January 1st, 1877.	

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with the Constitution I transmit herewith information of each case of pardon or commutation granted during the years 1875 and 1876, with the reasons therefor:

1. David Thurston. Convicted in Genesee Circuit, in March, 1859, of an attempt to poison his wife, and sentenced to the State Prison twenty-five years. Pardoned February 6th, 1875, on account of his long confinement and uniform good conduct while in prison. He had charge of the prison hospital for twelve years, and was an old worn out man.

2. Frank Stone. Pardoned February 18, 1875, on statement of the agent and physician of the prison that he could live only a short time longer in confinement. He was sentenced from Ottawa Circuit in May 1873, five years for burglary.

3. James Agen. Pardoned March 11, 1875, on statement of prison authorities that he could live a few days only. He died on the 17th March, 1875. Investigation of this case convinced me I ought to have released him before on the ground of his innocence of the crime of which he was convicted. Agen was sentenced December 30, 1870, from Recorder's Court, Detroit, for life for rape.

4. Geo. H. Robinson. Pardoned March 11th, 1875, for same reason as No.
3. Sent from Recorder's Court in May, 1871, for five years. Crime, robbery.
5. Adolph Peterson was pardoned April 2d, 1875, because, on investigation, I became satisfied of his innocence. He was sentenced in November, 1873, to the prison for three years for larceny.
6. John D. Leonard. Pardoned April 2, 1875, on account of his good conduct while in confinement and the near expiration of his sentence. He was convicted in Recorder's Court Detroit, March 29th, 1871, of breaking and entering a factory in the night time with intent to commit larceny, and sentenced to the prison for five years.
7. Dennis Donovan. Pardoned April 19, 1875, on petition signed by the judge who sentenced him, and other prominent citizens of Detroit. Pardon was granted on condition that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. He was convicted in the Recorder's Court, Detroit, July 26th, 1872, of robbery, and sentenced for seven years.
8. George E. Miller was pardoned April 24, 1875, upon the petition of the judge who sentenced, the prosecuting attorney, and other prominent citizens of the county, who expressed grave doubts of his guilt. He was convicted in St. Clair Circuit, February, 1870, of the charge of carnally knowing and abusing a young female child, and sentenced for twenty years.
9. James Reid. Pardoned May 27, 1875, because he was very low with consumption and could not live long. Since dead. He was sentenced from Ingham Circuit, February 11, 1874, three years for burglary.
10. Charles Smith was sentenced from Macomb Circuit, in April, 1860, for life for burglary with intent to kill. Pardoned July 3, 1875, on the earnest recommendation of the judge who sentenced, and prosecuting attorney. Officers of the prison earnestly solicited it. He was an old man, and his conduct while in prison had been unexceptionally good. The judge said if the law at the time of the trial had been as it now is he would not have sentenced him for life. Pardon was made conditional that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors.
11. Edward Hutchinson. Pardoned July 14, 1875, because he was very low with consumption, the prison physician stating that if he remained till his time was out he would not be able to be removed. Time would have expired in less than a month. Hutchinson was sentenced from Barry Circuit, in August, 1872, to four years for burglary and larceny. Has since died.
12. George Chase. Pardoned July 14, 1875, because the prison physician stated that he was very low with consumption, and could not possibly live his time out. His parents took him to their home in Pennsylvania, where he has since died. He was sent from Saginaw Circuit in November, 1873, for two and a half years for larceny.
13. Charles Wells. Pardoned August 14th, 1875, at the urgent request of the officers of the prison. He had been a very serviceable man in prison and had but a few days to remain. Sent from Kalamazoo Circuit, March 8th, 1873, for three years for forgery.
14. Chester Waldron. Pardoned August 17th, 1875, on the statement of the prison physician that he was very low and could live but a few days. Since dead. Sent from Lenawee Circuit, in November, 1872, for five years for rape.
15. Harvey Clemmons. Pardoned at the same date as No. 14, and for the

same reason. Sentenced to four years, from Oakland Circuit, December 29th, 1874, for larceny. Has since died.

16. Jacob Nestor alias George Lawrence, Pardoned August 30th, 1875, on recommendation of Philo Parsons, L. P. Knight and others, and on account of his good record as a soldier, his good behavior while in prison, and assurances that his friends in Indiana would take him home and make a good citizen of him. Conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, and that he go at once to his brother's home in Indiana and does not return to this State. He was sent from the Recorder's Court, Detroit, in March, 1867, for a period of thirteen years, for burglary and larceny.

17. Berkley G. Bigler. Pardoned September 30th, 1875, on application of the warden and prison physician, who stated that since his confinement he had received a permanent injury, from effects of which he would probably not recover. He was convicted in the Oakland Circuit, December 9th, 1872, of arson, and sentenced for seven years.

18. Wm. J. McColgan. Pardoned October 30th, 1875, on statement of the warden and physician of the prison, that he was very low and could live but a short time. Since dead. Convicted in Branch Circuit November 22, 1873, of assault with intent to commit rape, and sentenced for four years.

19. Albert Jenzen. Pardoned November 6th, 1875, on the statement of the warden and physician that he would live but a short time. Sentenced from Mecosta Circuit, October 11, 1875, two and a half years, for larceny. He has since died.

20. Henry Jacobs. Pardoned November 18, 1875, on report of warden and physician, that he would live a few days only. Since dead. He was convicted in Saginaw Circuit, January 9, 1875, of larceny from the person, and sentenced for two years.

21. George Whittingham. Pardoned December 10, 1875, on statement of prison authorities that he was in such poor health that he would live but a little while. Conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Convicted in Marquette Circuit, August 15, 1873, of burglary and sentenced for five years.

22. Andrus Keator. Pardoned December 15, 1875, because he would probably live but a few days. Died before he could be moved from the prison. Convicted in Ingham Circuit, May 14th, 1875, of perjury and sentenced for seven years.

23. Joseph Rabideaux. Pardoned Dec. 25, 1875, on petition of sheriff Cicotte and others; long sentence, good conduct, and statement of the judge who sentenced him, that he had become convinced that the crime was manslaughter rather than murder. Conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. He was convicted in Wayne Circuit, January, 1851, of murder, and received a life sentence.

24. Daniel McLean. Pardoned January 11, 1876, on statement of prison physician that he was very ill with consumption, and would probably live only a short time. Convicted in Saginaw Circuit, June 13, 1873, of robbery, and sentenced for 5 years.

25. Ibertson B. Proctor. Pardoned January 12, 1876, on the application of the judge who sentenced, prosecuting attorney, and other prominent citizens of Berrien county, because I become satisfied that he was used as the tool of others. He made full and complete restitution of the property. Proctor was con-

victed in the Berrien Circuit, June 17, 1874, of forgery, and sentenced for four and one-half years.

26. **Thomas Riley.** Pardoned January 28, 1876, on recommendation of the warden, and because he was very low with consumption. He was convicted in April, 1872, in Midland Circuit, of the crime of rape, and received a sentence of fifteen years.

27. **Alanson White.** Pardoned February 1, 1876, on the petition of circuit judge, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, and entire jury, and of J. A. Sweezy, N. Bailey, D. R. Cook, A. J. Bowne, H. A. Goodyear, N. S. Goodyear, and others, and near expiration of sentence. Condition—that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. He was convicted in Barry Circuit, in 1871, of manslaughter, and sentenced for seven years.

28. **Wilford Patrickson.** Pardoned February 14th, 1876, on petition of all the county officers of Van Buren county, Judge Hawes, and recommendation of Judge Tennent, who sentenced him, who stated that he became satisfied the boy pled guilty to the crime of burglary when in fact it was simply larceny. Sentenced from Van Buren Circuit, in October, 1875, for five years, for burglary. Pardon was made on condition that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors.

29. **Edwin C. Paine.** Pardoned March 6th, 1876, on application of judge and prosecuting attorney, who say that facts have, since the trial, come to their knowledge which convince them that he was not a principal in the crime, but led into it, and that the sentence was too severe. Made conditional that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Sentenced from Genesee Circuit, December 9th, 1873, for four years, for larceny.

30. **Henry Sparks.** Pardoned April 15th, 1876, on application of Geo. H. Durand, James L. Curry, and others, and statement of Judge Turner, who sentenced him, and of Sumner Howard, who was prosecuting attorney at the time, that they had become convinced that there are very grave doubts of his guilt. Other prominent citizens acquainted with the facts assure me that they are convinced of his innocence. Conditional that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Sparks was convicted of robbery and sentenced from Genesee Circuit, in November, 1867, for fifteen years.

31. **George LaFayette.** Pardoned May 20th, 1876. Recommended by prison officers, Lester A. Tabor, and other citizens. From my own investigation I became convinced that there are grave doubts of his guilt. Convicted in Van Buren Circuit, of rape, and sentenced for four years. Pardoned on condition that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors.

32. **Frederick Runge.** Pardoned May 26th, 1876. He is a young man; this was his first offense, and there seemed to be an opportunity to make him a good citizen. Conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. He was sentenced from Recorder's Court, Detroit, February 3d, 1874, for breaking and entering a store in the night-time, with intent to commit larceny, for three years.

33. **William Knight.** Pardoned May 31st, 1876, on statement of prison authorities that he had the consumption, and would live a few days only. Convicted of burglary and larceny, and sentenced by Recorder of city of Detroit, September 19th, 1874, for ten years.

34. **Thomas Flynton.** Pardoned June 20th, 1876, on the earnest recommendation of the judge who sentenced, who states that he is fully satisfied from

what he has learned since the trial, that the man was entirely innocent, but was induced to plead guilty. The complaining witness has since made a statement that her testimony on the trial was false, and that she was persuaded by her mother to swear falsely. Sentenced in January, 1869, by Wayne Circuit Court, to twelve years for manslaughter.

35. John Shorey. Pardoned July 4th, 1876, on petition of judge who sentenced him, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, jury, and many other prominent citizens of Washtenaw county. Conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. He was convicted in Washtenaw county, of murder in the second degree, and sentenced for twenty years from January 24th, 1867.

36. John Bylesma. Pardoned September 13, 1876, because he had the quick consumption and could live but a few days—since dead. Convicted in Ingham Circuit, of burglary, October 29th, 1872, and sentenced for five years.

37. Albert B. Long. Pardoned November 16th, 1876, on the recommendation of the judge, prosecuting attorney, Judge Withey, Amos Rathbone, T. D. Gilbert, N. L. Avery, and many other good citizens of Kent county. It was his first offense,—committed while intoxicated. Conditional that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Long was convicted in Kent Circuit, October 12th, 1875, of forgery, and sentenced for two and one-half years.

38. Peter Demoret was pardoned November 30th, 1876, at the request of the judge of the Recorder's Court, prosecuting attorney, Mayor Lewis, Alexander Chapaton, Geo. Kirby, Jerome Croul, and many others. The judge expressed doubt of any guilt constituting the crime. He was convicted in Recorder's Court, Detroit, of manslaughter, and sentenced December 4, 1875, for two years. The pardon was granted on the condition that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors.

39. George M. Hurst was pardoned December 12th, 1876, on the same condition as No. 38. In this case there was very great doubt of his guilt, indeed. He had never been arrested or suspected of crime before—had a very large and very poor family. The pardon was requested by the judge who sentenced, and by many other good citizens, Newton Forster, Franklin Wells, R. Barnard, C. H. Barny, J. H. Colam and others. Jury stood six to six for a long time. He was convicted September 1, 1876, in Van Buren Circuit, and sentenced to nine months for larceny.

40. Charles Morse. Pardoned December 20th, 1876, on the application of the prosecuting attorney, jury, and very many of the citizens of Ottawa county, and on the personal and earnest solicitation of the judge who sentenced him. Conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. He was convicted of robbery and sentenced from Ottawa Circuit, December 1, 1871, for twenty years.

41. Moses Talbot. Pardoned December 29th, 1876. Sent from Berrien county, November 30th, 1867, for fifteen years—crime, murder in second degree. Conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquor, and that he go at once to his father's house. Granted at the request of Judge Coolidge, John Morris, V. P. Collier, W. S. Wilcox, Levi Sparks, and many others. Grave doubts exist in my own mind as to whether he was guilty of any degree of murder.

42. Gustave Christ. Pardoned December 30th, 1876—conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, beer and wine—at the earnest request of Judge Withey, Judge Hoyt, Judge Holmes, Amos Rathbone, A. B.

Turner, John W. Champlin, I. E. Messmore, Wm. T. Powers, John C. Fitzgerald, T. J. O'Brien, W. D. Roberts, J. H. Standish, Julius Houseman, C. C. Comstock, W. S. Gunn, S. S. Bailey, Isaac Haynes, James Blair, E. S. Pierce, J. W. Stone, P. R. L. Peirce, M. V. Aldrich, L. H. Randall, A. B. Watson, E. G. D. Holden, Eben Smith, M. S. Crosby, C. W. Watkins, and other prominent citizens of Kent county. Many of them express their belief in his entire innocence, and all others that there are very great doubts of his guilt. Eleven of the jury join in the request for his pardon. He was sentenced January 14, 1876, from Kent Circuit, to four years for murder in the second degree. One of the principal witnesses for the prosecution is now serving a sentence in the State Prison for perjury.

The foregoing named were pardoned from the State Prison.

The following were sentenced to confinement in the Detroit House of Correction:

1. Otto Schornberg. Pardoned January 17th, 1875, on application of the magistrate who sentenced him, who asked his pardon on the ground of the destitute condition of his family. It was his first offense. Convicted in justice court, Wayne county, December 4th, 1874, of petty larceny, and sentenced for ninety days.

2. Edgar Heath. Pardoned April 21, 1875, because he was of unsound mind, and not responsible for his acts. He was sentenced from justice court, Macomb county, February 18, 1875, one year for petty larceny.

3. George H. Grenville was sentenced by a justice of the peace of Adrian for one year, on default of finding sureties for the peace, January 16th, 1875, and pardoned April 23d, 1875, on condition that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. His only offense was that of getting drunk. He had been a good soldier. His release was asked by the magistrate who sentenced him, and other good citizens of Adrian.

4. John Carson. Convicted January 25th, 1875, of being a vagrant and disorderly person, and sentenced by a justice of the peace of Marquette county, for a term of six months. I pardoned him May 25th, 1875, because he gave evidence of his intention to reform, and his brother promised to take him to his own home and keep him in employment, and endeavor to make a man of him. His time was nearly out.

5. Mary Fifield was pardoned on the application of Mrs. Ransom Gardner, and other citizens of Kalamazoo, and because a good home had been found for her. She was a young girl, and her time was nearly out. She was convicted in the Kalamazoo Circuit, September 29th, 1874, of bigamy, and sentenced for one year. Pardoned June 14th, 1875.

6. James Quigg. Pardoned August 12th, 1875, because of the petition of the magistrate, prosecutor, jury, and others. It was his first offense. Sentenced by justice of the peace of Wayne county, to sixty days, for assault, July 7th, 1875.

7. Kitty Murry. Pardoned September 11th, 1875, because of the condition of her family and that of her aged mother. She was sent from the police court, Detroit, July 20th, 1875, for five months, for disorderly conduct.

8. James Kelly was sentenced September 5th, 1875, for assault and battery, by B. F. Taylor, justice of the peace of Owosso, for ninety days, in default of \$50 fine. He was pardoned November 1st, 1875, on account of the destitute condition of his family,—his father was killed by the cars the day before. His

release was asked by the justice, prosecuting attorney, and many other good citizens familiar with the facts. Pardon was made conditional that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors.

9. Gustavo Kuster. Pardoned November 15th, 1875, on petition of magistrate who sentenced, and complaining witness. First offense. Convicted in justice court, Wyandotte, October 26th, 1875, of assault and battery, and sentenced for ninety days.

10. William Broughton. Pardoned November 20th, 1875, on application of Amos Rathbone, M. V. Aldrich, many other citizens of Grand Rapids, and the complaining witness. Convicted in police court, Grand Rapids, September 27th, 1875, of assault and battery, and sentenced for ninety days.

11. Charles Sutliff. Pardoned February 4, 1876, on petition of committing magistrate, prosecuting attorney, H. H. Ingersoll, A. J. Wixom, H. P. Cobb and others. Sutliff has a wife and three children dependent upon him. He was never under arrest before, and better be at home, at work for his family. Sentenced by justice of the peace, G. Yerkes, to ninety days, from December 31, 1875, for assault.

12. Charles Baylus. Pardoned April 5, 1876, on application of the prosecuting attorney, J. K. Boies, Jno. M. Osborn, and others. His offense was stealing nine boiled eggs, which he did while drunk. Made on condition that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. He was convicted of larceny and sentenced by a justice of the peace of Adrian for ninety days, in default of fine.

13. Pitt Drake. Pardoned March 25, 1876. He committed the offense while drunk—is not a bad man. His sister took him to her home, out of the State, with the hope of being able to make him a good sober citizen. His release was asked for by the police justice, prosecuting attorney, C. K. Backus, and others. Sentenced by police justice of Detroit, for sixty days, for larceny, in default of fine.

14. John Ryan. Pardoned July 14, 1876, on petition of A. Krolick, and officers of the House of Correction. He was young, nineteen years of age, in ill-health, had only a month to stay, seemed very penitent, and I thought I would see what effect a pardon would have—hoping it might make him a better man. Convicted in Recorder's Court, Detroit, of larceny, and sentenced September 21, 1875, for one year.

15. Henry Smith. Pardoned August 1, 1876, on application of the magistrate before whom he was tried, prosecuting attorney, and complaining witness. It was his first offense. Conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Convicted of assault and battery, and sentenced by a justice of the peace of St. Clair county, June 15, 1876, for ninety days.

16. Theodore Cicott. Pardoned August 21st, 1876, on the petition of Alexander Chapoton and others. It was his first offense, and I hoped to help him keep his good resolutions. Conditioned that he forever abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. Sent from police court, Detroit, for assault and battery, for ninety days from July 14th, 1876.

17. Joel Harmon. Pardoned September 14th, 1876. This was his first offense, to which he pled guilty. Pardon asked for by the judge, prosecuting attorney, G. W. Lawton, J. J. Woodman, K. W. Noyes, G. W. Longwell, and others; was a young man, not twenty-one, and the petitioners state was un-

doubtedly led into the crime by a more hardened offender. Convicted in Van Buren Circuit, November 2d, 1875, of larceny, and sentenced for one year.

I also commuted Margaret Robinson (alias Margaret McCarthy), convicted in Bay circuit, of murder in the second degree, and sentenced November 25, 1876, to the State Prison for 15 years, December 2, 1876, to imprisonment in Detroit House of Correction, for the term of 15 years from November, 1876.

JOHN J. BAGLEY.

The message was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS.

The President announced the following:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS, }
Lansing, Jan. 19, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—In response to a resolution of the two Houses calling for information in regard "to the question of taxation of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Co.," and also in regard to the various existing railroad charters, I have the honor to transmit the accompanying document.

Very respectfully,

STEPHEN S. COBB,
Com'r of Railroads.

The following is the document referred to.

TAXATION OF THE LAKE SHORE & MICH. SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company operate a total of 1,175.39 miles of road. Of this, 230 is laid with double track, and 604 miles with steel rails, none of which is in Michigan. The length of road operated in Michigan is 403 miles, of which the

Detroit, Monroe & Toledo, 65 miles,

Kalamazoo, Allegan, & Grand Rapids, 58 miles,

Kalamazoo & White Pigeon, 38 miles,

Northern Central Michigan, 61 miles,

are organized under our general railroad law and pay taxes in accordance with its provisions. They also operate the Erie & Kalamazoo, from Adrian to Toledo, chartered by an act approved April 22, 1833, and the taxes for which are paid in accordance with its charter.

The above named companies paying taxes under general law and charter, the subject of their taxation is wholly outside of the question now under consideration.

There remains subject to the special charter provisions of the Michigan Southern R. R., the road from Monroe westward through Adrian to the State line, 129 miles, and from Palmyra to Jackson, 44 miles, a total of 173 miles; this being the line originally purchased from the State and subsequently completed. These two last mentioned lines of road comprise all the railroad referred to by Gov. Bagley in his discussion of the taxation of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, and in regard to the taxation of which litigation has already been had.

Sec. 31 of act No. 113 of 1846, being the original charter of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company, is as follows:

“Sec. 31. The said company shall pay to the State an annual tax of one-half of one per cent. upon the capital stock paid in, including the five hundred thousand dollars of purchase money paid, or to be paid to the State, until the first day of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and thereafter an annual tax of three-fourths of one per cent upon its capital stock paid in, including the five hundred thousand dollars of purchase money aforesaid, and also upon all loans made to said company, for the purpose of constructing said railroad, or purchasing, constructing, chartering or hiring of steamboats authorized by this act to be held by said company, which tax shall be paid in the last week in January in each year to the State Treasurer and the property and effects of said company, whether real, personal or mixed, shall, in consideration thereof, be exempt from all and every other tax, charge and exaction by virtue of any laws of this State now or hereafter to be in force, except penalties by this act imposed.”

Sec. 3 of act No. 138 of 1855, entitled “An act to authorize the Michigan Southern Railroad Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company,” is as follows:

“Sec. 3. The said corporation so to be organized, by virtue of this act, shall continue subject to the same rate of tax as though such consolidation should not take place; *and the amount of its capital and loans hereafter, upon which such taxation shall be paid, shall be such portion of the whole of its capital and loans as is actually employed in the State of Michigan, to be ascertained on or before the first day of January in each year, by the Auditor General of this State, from the annual report of said corporation, or from such other reports on oath as he may deem necessary for such purpose, to be ordered by him from the office of such corporation.*”

The amount of tax paid by this company on the above mentioned portion of their road and a history of the litigation which determined the amount of such tax, is found in the

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT FOR 1874.

pp. cxvii-cxxii, and is as follows:

“The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company pay annually into the State Treasury, as the Specific tax required to be paid to the State by the charter of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company,¹ and the acts amendatory thereof,² as also by the act authorizing said Michigan Southern Railroad Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company,³—\$35,544.16, this tax being three-fourths of one per cent upon \$4,739,240.16, the amount as determined by the courts upon which the said company should pay taxes to the State of Michigan.

The history of the litigation which resulted in the above determination is as follows:

¹ Act No. 113, 1846, p. 170.

² Act No. 196, 1850, p. 195.

³ Act No. 138, 1855, p. 800.

Vide also Laws of 1847, p. 217; 1840, pp. 130, 281; 1857, p. 403.

By the report of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company, made to the Auditor General under date of March 4, 1856, the said company set forth—

1. That the Capital Stock, by the books of the company, is... \$2,625,600 00
 From which should be deducted this amount, being a bonus or dividend allowed by the company to the original purchasers of the road, no part of which was ever paid in, though standing on the books as a part of the Capital Stock..... 300,000 00

Making the amount of Capital Stock actually paid in, including the \$500,000 purchase money paid to the State..... \$2,325,600 00

2. That the am't of Bonds issued amounted to. \$2,500,000 00

From which there should be deducted—for discount or loss in the sale of a portion of above bonds, whereby the amount of *loans made* to the company for the purpose of constructing, etc., was less than the am't of Bonds abovestated by this sum. \$185,459 84

Also, Jackson Branch Bonds, which were issued in exchange for Bonds of another company (which latter Bonds are still held undisposed of, by the M. S. & N. I. R. R. Co.)..... 250,000 00

435,459 84

2,064,540 16

Giving for amount upon which—as claimed by Company—

Specific Tax should be computed..... \$4,390,140 16

From the Report, however, the Auditor General “ascertained” the amount upon which Specific Tax should be computed, and the tax thereon as follows:

Capital Stock paid-in as claimed by company.	\$2,325,600 00	Tax	\$17,442 00
Bonus to original purchasers of road.....	300,000 00	“	2,250 00
Bonds for purpose of construction, etc., as claimed by Company.....	2,064,540 16	“	15,484 05
Discount on Bonds sold by Company.....	185,459 84	“	1,390 95
Jackson Branch Bonds.....	250,000 00	“	1,875 00
Total.....	<u>\$5,125,600 00</u>		<u>\$38,442 00</u>

Of the amount of Specific tax found due from the Company as above, \$34,735.24 was paid into the State Treasury, and the balance, \$3,706.76, the Company insisted was upon items for which it should not be taxed.

In June, 1856, action was commenced by the Attorney General, in the Circuit Court for the county of Lenawee, in behalf of the State, against the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company, to collect the

said balance of \$3,706.76, which the company had refused to pay.¹ The questions of law arising in the case were reserved by the Circuit Judge for the consideration of the Supreme Court, where it was heard at the January term, 1857, and decided that the State was entitled to recover said balance.

In this case the Company claimed exemption from taxation upon—

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| 1. The bonus allowed the original purchasers of the road of.... | \$300,000 00 |
| 2. The discount or loss from sale of Bonds..... | 185,459 84 |
| 3. The Jackson Branch Bonds..... | 250,000 00 |

After the hearing the Supreme Court

Held—That each of said items constituted a proper basis for computing the Specific State Tax required by the charter of the Company to be assessed by the Auditor General.²

The amount—\$3,706 76— withheld by the Company and awaiting the issue of the suit, was paid into the State Treasury in August, 1857.

Upon the determination of this case, the company at once raised other objections to the principles insisted upon by the Auditor General in assessing the Specific Tax upon it.¹ Resting upon such objections the company refused to pay a portion of the specific tax assessed against it for the year 1859, and the matter was again taken to the courts for adjudication.

This Company now pays as the specific tax required by the charter of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company² and the acts amendatory thereto,³ as also the act authorizing said Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company,⁴ \$35,544 16, being three-fourths of one per cent upon \$4,739,240 16. The amount upon which said specific tax is computed, was determined by the courts in the years 1862 and 1865.

The history of the litigation which resulted in the above determination is, briefly, as follows:

The report of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad Company, made to the Auditor General under date of January 12, 1859, and from which was to be derived the data upon which to compute the Specific State Tax to become due within the said month of January, 1859, included, among others, the following items, viz.:

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| 1. The Capital Stock of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company paid in, up to the time of the passage of the Consolidation Act of February 13, 1855, including the \$500,000.00 of purchase money to the State, was..... | \$2,325,600 00 |
| And a nominal Capital Stock, in addition thereto, of..... | 300,000 00 |
| 2. The nominal amount of loans which at that date had been made to said Company for the purposes authorized by its charter, was..... | 2,500,000 00 |
| The actual amount of such loans realized and expended for such purposes was set forth in the Report of the Railroad Company, at..... | |
| | \$2,064,540 16 |
| 3. The additional capital paid in to the consolidated company and employed in the State of Michigan during the year 1858, was..... | 49,100 00 |

Footing at..... \$5,174,700 00

¹ Report of Attorney General, 1858, p. 3.

² 4 Mich., 398.

³ Act No. 113, 1846, p. 170.

⁴ Act No. 195, 1850, p. 193.

⁵ Act No. 136, 1853, p. 300. *Vide also* Laws of 1847, p. 217; *Id.*, 1849, pp. 130, 261; *Id.*, 1857, p. 403.

Section 3 of the above referred to act authorizing the consolidation of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Companies provides that the company to be formed from the consolidation authorized by said act, shall continue subject to the same rate of tax as though such consolidation should not take place; and the amount of its capital upon which such taxation should be paid, should be such portion of its capital and loans as is actually employed in the State of Michigan, to be ascertained on or before the first day of January of each year, by the Auditor General, from the annual reports of said railroad company.

In accordance with the above provision of the law under which the consolidated company had its existence, and from the said report of the railroad company, the Auditor General ascertained the amount upon which said Company should pay the tax of three-fourths of one per cent, to be \$5,174,700.00, and charged \$38,810.25 upon the books of his office, as the amount of specific tax due the State from said railroad company in January, 1859. Of this amount the company paid \$27,091.91, and filed a bill in chancery, in the Wayne Circuit, against the Auditor General to restrain the collection of the balance, \$11,718.34. A hearing was had in said circuit during the summer of 1861 on pleadings and proofs, and a decree made dismissing the bill of complaint, from which decree the said company appealed to the Supreme Court, where the case was argued and submitted at the October term for 1861.¹

In this case the complainants claimed exemption from taxation upon sums included in the amount upon which the Auditor General had computed the specific tax due in January, 1859, as follows:

1. The bonus of 3,000 shares of stock issued to the original purchasers of the road, amounting to.....	\$300,000 00
2. The discount upon certain Bonds sold by the Company amounting to.....	185,459 84
3. The Jackson Branch Bonds.....	250,000 00
4. The cost of various steamboats, one of which was destroyed some years since, and the remainder alleged to have been employed and taxed in other States, amounting to.....	466,848 02
5. The sum lent by complainants to the Chicago and Mississippi Railroad Company, and secured by worthless securities, amounting to.....	300,000 00
6. The expense incurred in obtaining loans and selling bonds, amounting to.....	60,136 87
Total upon which exemption from taxation was claimed....	<u>\$1,562,444 73</u>

Upon which the specific tax would be \$11,718.34.

In this case items 1, 2, 3 are the same as those determined by the Supreme Court in the case commenced in the Lenawee Circuit in 1856, and which were held to be subject to taxation by the State.

In the present case it was held by the Supreme Court:²

As to Claim No. 1.—That no deduction should be made for the 3,000 shares of capital stock alleged by the company to have been distributed as a bonus among the original stockholders, without any consideration being received therefor, the allegation not being sustained by the proofs in the case.

¹ Report of Attorney General for 1861, p. 3.
² 9 Mich., 443.

As to Claim No. 2.—Quære—Whether the amount of the bonds of the company issued for loans, is to be taken as the amount of its loans, for the purposes of taxation, within the meaning of the law, or whether from this amount should be deducted the discount allowed on the sale of its bonds?

As to Claim No. 3.—Quære—Whether a deduction from the taxable amount should be made of the bonds of the company which were loaned, and for which worthless securities were subsequently taken in payment?

As to Claim No. 4.—That no deduction can be made from the amount taxable, for the cost of steamboats destroyed by accident, or lying idle within the limits of another State and taxable there.

As to Claim No. 5.—That the company can claim no exemption from taxation upon any sum of money borrowed by it, and afterward loaned upon worthless securities, whereby it became lost to the company.

As to Claim No. 6.—The company can claim no exemption from taxation on sums of money paid out for commissions and other expenses attending the sale of its bonds and the obtaining of loans.

The tax on the two items as to which the Supreme Court disagreed amounted to \$3,265 95, and at the conclusion of the suit remained unpaid for the years 1858, 1859, 1860, and 1861.

Under the former decision of the Supreme Court, it was held that the items of capital stock, loans, etc., upon which this \$3,265 95 of annual specific tax was computed, “constituted a proper basis for computing the specific State tax required by the charter of the Company to be assessed by the Auditor General,” but the Company refused to pay it, and in August, 1862, filed its bill of complaint in the Circuit Court for the county of Wayne, in Chancery, against the Auditor General, to restrain him from collecting the tax for the years 1858, 1859, 1860, and 1861,—\$13,063 80,—and the interest thereon to June 1, 1862,—\$5,954 10,—and obtained and served on him a temporary injunction.¹ The case was not brought to a final hearing until February, 1864,² when it was argued and submitted to the Court upon pleadings and proof.³ The decree was made in February, 1865, whereby the Auditor General was forever restrained and enjoined from issuing any warrant or process, and from taking any proceeding whatsoever to collect, and from making any demand therefor upon the said complainant company, the sum claimed or the interest thereon, or any part of such sum or interest.

This decree of the Wayne Circuit Court is against that of the Supreme Court first above referred to. No appeal was taken from this decree. Under it the Company pays specific tax upon a sum made up of items, as follows:

1. Capital stock,—including purchase price and bonus.....	\$2,625,600 00
2. Bonds issued.....	\$2,500,000 00
Less, loss in sale of portion thereof \$185,459 84	
Jackson Branch Bonds.....	250,000 00
	<hr/> 435,459 84
	2,064,540 10
3. Capital stock issued in 1858.....	49,100 00
	<hr/> \$4,739,240 16
Total upon which Specific Tax is computed.....	
The annual specific tax upon which amounts to \$35,544.30.	

¹ Report of Attorney General, 1862, p. 7.

² Report of the Attorney General, 1864, p. 9.

³ Report of the Attorney General, 1865, p. 11, where will be found a copy of the decree of the Wayne Circuit Court issued by B. F. H. Witherell, Circuit Judge.

How the tax, which had been charged against the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company, upon the sums declared by said decree to be exempt from taxation, was disposed of, will appear by the following from the Report of the Auditor General for the year 1865:

"According to this decision of the Wayne County Circuit Court, in connection with a decision of the Supreme Court of the State, given in 1862, the Company is liable to pay a specific tax of \$35,544.30 annually while an amount of 38,810.25 had been charged against the Company on the books of this office. In accordance with said decree of the Wayne County Circuit Court, I have now credited the Company with the excess charged them, amounting to \$3,265.95, annually, or to \$19,695.70 for the last six years."

In the case which is reported in 9 Mich., 448, the Supreme Court held that the Company was subject to taxation on shares of capital stock alleged to have been issued as a bonus to the original stockholders. This decision was rendered at the January term for 1862, since which time the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company, by consolidation with the Cleveland and Toledo, the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula, the Erie and North-East, and the Buffalo and State Line Railroad Companies, became in August, 1869, the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company.² If in the adjustment of values for the purposes of such consolidation, as the process was carried on between the several companies, there was issued capital stock to the holders of stock in the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company as a consideration for such consolidation, or for the purpose of the adjustment of value between the stock of this road and that of any other road which entered into the consolidation,³ it is believed that the above cited ruling of the Supreme Court would increase the amount upon which the Company now pays a specific tax, by the amount of stock so issued for purposes of such adjustment."

In the third foot note, p. 9, the Auditor General says:

"The proportion of Capital Stock expended within this State, as determined

¹ Report for 1865, p. 9.

² The history of the organization of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, as stated in the Report of its officers for 1870, is as follows:

The Company is a consolidation of the following roads:

The *Buffalo & State Line Railroad*—extending from the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, westward, to the State Line of Pennsylvania—68 miles.

The *Erie & North-East Railroad*—extending from the State line of Pennsylvania to the city of Erie, in the State of Pennsylvania—20 miles.

These two roads were consolidated, under the name of the *Buffalo & Erie Railroad Company*, in the year 1867, in pursuance of laws of the States of New York and Pennsylvania.

The *Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula Railroad*—extending from the city of Erie, in the State of Pennsylvania, to the city of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio—95 miles.

The *Cleveland & Toledo Railroad*—extending from the city of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, to the city of Toledo, in the State of Ohio—113 miles.

With a branch (or Northern Division) extending from Elyria (twenty-six miles west of Cleveland) to the city of Sandusky, in the State of Ohio—35 miles.

Also, extending from Oak Harbor (twenty-six miles west of Sandusky) to Millbury (near Toledo)—15 miles.

These two roads last mentioned, were consolidated under the name of the *Lake Shore Railway Company* in March, 1869, pursuant to the laws of the States of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The *Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad*—extending from the city of Toledo, in the State of Ohio, to the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois—244 miles.

This road was consolidated with the *Lake Shore Railway Company*, under the name of the *Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company*, in May, 1869, pursuant to the laws of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

In August, 1869, the *Buffalo & Erie Railroad Company* was consolidated with the *Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company*, under the name of the *Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company*, pursuant to the laws of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois, thus forming a continuous line of railway, five hundred and forty miles in length, between the cities of Buffalo, in the State of New York, and Chicago, in the State of Illinois.

³ The proportion of Capital Stock expended within this State, as determined by the Railroad Commissioner, is \$11,248,493.00; the proportion of Loans is \$7,963,189.00, giving a total of \$19,216,672.00. *Vide Supra*, p. cxiv, Note "1," also, *Ib.*, p. cxvi, Note "1."

by the Railroad Commissioner, is \$11,248,483.00; the proportion of Loans is \$7,968,189.00, giving a total of \$19,216,672.00."

This statement compels me to make the following explanation:

There are several railroad companies doing business in Michigan, whose roads lie partly within, and partly without the State. The Capital Stock, Debt, Cost, Earnings, and Expenses are reported to the Commissioner of Railroads, for their entire roads. In order to approximate the total amount invested in railroad property, as well as the earnings and expenses, within the State, the blanks furnished by the Commissioner to the railroad companies upon which to make their reports (and the same rule has been adopted in other States), make provision for a report of Capital Stock, Debt, Earnings, and Expenses apportioned to Michigan, on the basis of the proportion of the miles of road in this State, to the total length of the road. On this basis the companies have made their returns, and the amounts so returned appear in the report. In the blanks furnished, as above mentioned, for making reports, in connection with the questions relative to Stock, Debt, and Cost, the following foot-note is inserted:

"Unless some very good reason exists to the contrary, this proportion should be for the miles of road in this State compared with the whole. If made on a different basis, please state the reasons therefor."

No company has ever stated its proportion as being made on any other basis. But this rule for approximating a proportion of investment for this State, is arbitrary, and is used only in the absence of any other means by which a result could be reached. This method no more determines the amount of capital actually invested in this State than the amount of earnings reported as apportioned to Michigan shows the amount actually earned in the State; *e. g.*, a road 200 miles long, lying one-half within, and the other half without a State, might be so situated as that the one portion should have but a slight traffic, and hence a single track, and a light equipment, costing not more than \$25,000.00 per mile, while the other portion might be so advantageously situated for business as to require a double track, a very large equipment, and extensive buildings and machine shops, the total cost of which might be \$100,000.00 per mile. And yet, with all this disproportion of actual investment in the two States, when the above cited *pro rata* rule is applied it would bring the figures for the portion which actually cost \$25,000.00 per mile, up to \$62,500.00 per mile. The same holds true of the earnings. Upon the portion outside of the State, they may be very large, owing to local causes, while for the portion within the State, they may be less than one-half the amount outside of the State; and yet, by the above rule of apportionment, the latter portion would be credited with having earned as much as the former.

This explanation may apply with equal propriety to the portion of the Governor's message wherein he alludes to the value of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway as apportioned to Michigan.

In their annual report to the Auditor General for taxation, the company regularly insert the following sworn protest:

"Under the third section of the Consolidation act, they report that the portion of their capital and loans actually employed in the State of Michigan is \$3,612,-255.27; but under the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan in January, 1862, and of the Circuit Court of Wayne county in January, 1865, the company is held liable to the specific State tax of three-fourths of one per cent upon \$4,739,240.16."

This tax as determined by the court, amounts to \$205.00 per mile of road, and is on a basis of a stock and debt investment of \$27,333.00 per mile. A comparison of this amount with the amount of stock and debt of the other roads in our State can be made by referring to Table III., p. xxxiv., of the report of the Commissioner of Railroads for 1875.

CHARTERED RAILROAD COMPANIES IN MICHIGAN.

The chartered roads in Michigan are the following :

Detroit & Milwaukee.

Michigan Central.

Grand River Valley.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.

Erie & Kalamazoo.

Port Huron & Lake Michigan.

The names of some of these, as is hereafter shown, have substantially disappeared through leases and consolidations. All roads now operated in the State other than the five first named above, are organized and carried on under the General Laws relating to Railroads.

DETROIT & MILWAUKEE.

The Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad Company are the successors under a mortgage foreclosure of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Company, an organization formed by the consolidation of the Detroit & Pontiac and Oakland & Ottawa Railroad companies.

The Detroit & Pontiac Railroad Company was incorporated by an act of the Territorial Legislature, approved March 7, 1834 (Terr. Laws, Vol. III., p. 1287), with an authorized capital of \$100,000. It was to build a road from Detroit to Pontiac, over which the president and directors of the company were to be allowed to regulate their own tolls and rates of transportation. It was also provided, that after twenty years from the completion of the proposed road, the Territory or State might purchase and hold the road "for the use of the Territory," at a price not to exceed the cost of construction with fourteen per cent thereon added, or after thirty years, at the appraisal of commissioners appointed by the Governor and the Legislature. By a Territorial act, approved March 26, 1835, the stockholders of the road were authorized to establish a bank to which the stock of the railroad company was to be transferred as security for its notes, '*and when the net proceeds of the road should have paid for its building, and all expenses for repair and operation, together with seven per cent on the moneys so expended, the road should become the property of the Territory or State, and should become a free road, except that enough toll should be taken to keep it in repair ;*' the bank was then to become a separate institution.—(Terr. Laws, Vol. III., p. 1387). Of course this scheme never was consummated. By Act 96 of 1850, the road was authorized to extend and connect with the Oakland & Ottawa Railroad, and its capital stock was increased to \$200,000, with permission to the company to increase it to the farther limit of \$500,000.

The Oakland & Ottawa Railroad Company was incorporated by Act 234 of 1848, and was authorized to build a road from Pontiac to Lake Michigan in Ottawa County, via Fentonville. It was to be allowed to charge for tolls and transportation such sums as should be lawfully established by the by-laws, and

to regulate the time and manner of transporting goods and passengers. It was to pay to the State Treasurer in the last week in January of each year, an annual tax of one-half per cent upon its capital stock paid in, including all loans made by the company;—also upon all net proceeds invested in the construction and stocking of the road. After 20 years the State might purchase the road and all of its effects subject to existing liens, for the value of the entire stock of the shares, and ten per cent in addition to the market value of such stock or shares. After 20 years also, the Legislature might alter, amend, or repeal this charter by a two-thirds vote of both Houses.

By Act 112 of 1855, passed at a time when the consolidation of these companies was contemplated, it was enacted that the Detroit & Pontiac and the Oakland & Ottawa Railroad companies, or the company resulting from their consolidation, should, by the first of July in each year, pay an annual tax of one per cent on the amount paid in of their capital stock, and in consideration of this the property of the companies was to be “exempt from all and every tax, charge, and exaction by virtue of any law of this State, except for penalties,”—the act to take effect when the written acceptance of its terms by the companies was filed with the Secretary of State.

The Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Company was established by Act 140 of 1855, which provided that the Detroit & Pontiac Railroad Company should thereafter be known under that name, and should be permitted to increase its capital stock from time to time to an amount not exceeding \$10,000,000 in such manner as the Board of Directors might determine; it might also purchase the rights and property of the Oakland & Ottawa Railroad Company whose stockholders were to become stockholders of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Company, the whole road to be subject to the charter of the Detroit & Pontiac Railroad Company as originally granted and subsequently amended. Other roads might cross or connect with it. By the first of July in each year, it must pay an annual tax of one per cent on the capital stock paid in. The act was to be accepted by the stockholders of the component companies and the acceptance filed with the Secretary of State. And by Act 34 of 1859, the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Company was authorized to purchase the rights, property, and franchises of the Port Huron & Milwaukee Railway Company, the latter to be merged in the former upon the acceptance of the act by the stockholders of both companies.

The Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad Company, having, by authority of Act 96 of 1859, become the successors under a mortgage foreclosure, to the rights, privileges, property, and franchises of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Company, it was authorized by Act 94 of 1861 to issue to the former stockholders in the latter company as much stock as should be agreed upon between them and the directors of the new company, but it should not be less than twenty per cent of the par value of the former stock. The rule of taxation was not to be changed but was to continue at the rate of one per cent upon the capital stock originally paid in, and upon such as might thereafter be paid in to the new company. There seems to be no provision for the amendment or repeal of the charter under which the company claims to act.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL.

From 1837 to 1846 there were several acts of Legislature authorizing the expenditure by the State Board of internal improvements of sums appropriated at various times, at first for surveying the route of a central railroad, and

afterwards for the construction and running of the road. In 1846 the State sold the road for \$2,000,000 to a company incorporated under Act 42 of that year, the act being at once the deed of sale and the charter of the Michigan Central Railroad Company.

The charter authorizes the Company to carry on no other business except what properly belongs to a railroad and transportation company. It is not to re-locate any portion of the road so as to change materially the route, which was to extend from some suitable point not less than 6000 feet from the foot of Woodward Avenue in Detroit, through Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Dexter, Jackson, Marshall, Battle Creek, and Kalamazoo, to some point in Michigan on or near Lake Michigan accessible to steamboats, and thence to some point in the State's southern boundary. Without the Company's consent, no railroad from the eastern or southern boundary of the State may be built so as to approach, westwardly of Wayne county, within five miles of its line, nor any railroad beginning within twenty miles of Detroit, and extending to Lake Michigan or the southern boundary, whose line would run, on an average, within twenty miles of the line of the Central. These provisions, however, are not to interfere with the line of the Southern Railroad as then designated, or with the crossing of the Central by other roads.

For the transportation of persons any less distance than the whole length of the road from Lake Michigan to Detroit River, allowing to each not more than 100 pounds of personal baggage, the company may not receive above the rate of three cents per mile, and ten cents in addition on distances not exceeding 30 miles. The prices charged upon flour and grain shall never exceed three-fourths of the prices charged by the State of Michigan for their transportation on the Central Railroad on January 1, 1846, and on flour, grain, lime, salt, plaster, coal, nails in kegs, iron, mill-irons and castings, fish in barrels or half-barrels, lumber, sugar in boxes or in casks not less than a barrel, molasses in hogsheads or barrels, pot and pearl ashes, beef, pork, and wool packed in sacks, no greater sums shall be charged for transportation per mile thereof than during the months of September and October, 1845, were charged and taken upon these articles upon the Boston & Lowell, Boston & Providence, and Boston & Worcester railroads,—the average of the prices and tolls then charged and taken upon these three roads upon these articles when transported upon either of said roads exclusively, being the maximum price the Central may charge or take, unless with the consent of a majority of the following State officers, viz.: the Secretary of State, Auditor and Attorney General. No greater price shall be charged for wheat in sacks or barrels per pound than is charged for flour the same distance per pound. The act provided that the average price charged upon the New England roads should be determined by a committee consisting of one or more of the said State officers, and not more than an equal number of the directors of the company, and that if they disagreed, they might add another person to their number; if they should not, after all, come to an agreement, the rates and tolls might be fixed upon the basis mentioned, on the application of the State, by the court of chancery. If required by the Legislature the rates shall be reviewed, but not oftener than once in ten years, and made to correspond with the average tolls and rates charged on the said New England roads during the twelve months next preceding the first of January of the year in which the review should be ordered, the rates to be always fixed in the manner just described. The company shall not at any time charge for the transportation of persons or property any less distance than the entire line

of the railroad, any greater sums or tolls per mile than may then be charged by the company on that portion of the railroad between Ypsilanti and Detroit; otherwise to forfeit to the State one hundred dollars.

After notice served or sent by mail, announcing the arrival of goods, the company may charge reasonably for their storage after they shall have remained twenty-four hours (Sundays excepted) in the Detroit depot, or four days elsewhere. If it charges otherwise, it shall forfeit fifty dollars to the State for each case. It may own, charter, or hire, not more than eight vessels for carrying persons and property, and may take such remuneration therefor "as to it shall seem meet and proper." * * "Whenever it shall become necessary to renew or replace the rail upon said railroad between the city of Detroit and Kalamazoo, *the new rail to be placed upon said portion of said road shall be an iron rail* of such dimensions that it shall weigh not less than 60 pounds to the yard thereof." All rail upon the principal line must be of 60 pounds weight to the yard. Under a five-thousand-dollar penalty for every 30 days' neglect, the company must always keep sufficient motive power and cars, for the expeditious and convenient transaction of all business and transportation of all persons and property offering for transportation, according to the usual course of business upon the line. It is subject to the usual provisions for fences, cattle-guards and farm-crossings.—(Act 139 of 1855.)

The corporate stock was at first fixed at \$5,000,000, with the privilege of increasing it to \$8,000,000, but the company was afterward (Act 139 of 1855) authorized to increase it from time to time to an amount necessary to cover the cost of the construction, completion, equipment, operating and keeping up of the road and its connections, and to lay down a double track, both within and without the State. For such purposes it might issue bonds in such sums and at such rates of interest as might be approved by the directors, who could give to the bond-holders the right of converting the principal due thereon into the stock of the company. But by Act 95 of 1859 no bonds or obligations convertible into stock could thereafter be issued, beyond the amount necessary for complying with the provisions of a then existing mortgage of \$8,000,000 upon the company's property and franchises; nor might the corporation thereafter create and issue, or sell any more of its stock than should be required to meet the demand for the conversion of bonds then issued or provided to be issued under that mortgage, without the consent of a majority in interest of the stockholders.

The charter provided that the company should pay to the State Treasurer an annual tax of one-half of one per cent upon the capital stock paid in, including the two millions of purchase money paid to the State, until February 1, 1851, and thereafter an annual tax of three-fourths of one per cent on the same basis and also upon all loans made to the company for constructing the road, or purchasing, constructing, chartering, or hiring the steamboats which the company is authorized to hold. In consideration of this, all property of the company is to be "exempt from all and every other tax, charge, and exaction, by virtue of any laws of this State now or hereafter to be in force, except penalties," by the charter imposed.

The State was empowered to repurchase the railroad and all property of the company after January 1, 1867, taking every thing subject to liens thereon for loans invested in the road and its works, and was to pay therefor the market value of the entire stock of, and shares in, the company, and ten per cent in addition, the market value to be ascertained by taking the average of the public sale prices of the stock or shares as made in Boston and New York during the

twelve months preceding the year in which the State shall so purchase, but in no case shall the amount to be paid be less than the amount of capital actually paid in by the stockholders. If the State and the company could not agree upon the market value, the Supreme Court was to be competent to determine it upon application to made within six months after the State should elect to purchase.

The State reserved the right, at any time after 30 years from the granting of the charter, to repeal amend, or alter it, by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature, "*provided that said company shall be compensated by the State for all damages sustained by reason of such alteration, amendment, or repeal.*"

Three amendatory acts have been passed in modification or extension of the charter, viz.: Act 197, of 1848; 139 of 1855, and 95 of 1859. The company is allowed to aid any incorporated railroad company authorized to build a railroad from the southern boundary of the State, near Lake Michigan, to Chicago, in the construction, maintenance, and operation of its road, to connect the Central from its western terminus (in 1848) with Chicago, and for such purpose to hold stock in any such company, and contract to make or guarantee loans of money to it, furnish it materials or locomotive power, or operate its road (Act 197 of 1848). The directors of the Central may arrange with any railroad company now or hereafter organized within or without the State, for transporting persons and property, or operating its road, or for permitting any such company to operate on the road of the Central (Act 139 of 1855). But after 1859 the directors were forbidden to enter into any obligations with any other railroad company, and binding the Central more than two years, unless a majority in interest of the stockholders consented.—(Act 95 of 1859).

For several years the amount of tax paid by this company under the provisions of its charter, has been greater than would have been the case had the company been organized under the general law. The amount of their tax for 1875, was \$134,083.24, or for the miles of road in this State \$606.71 per mile. Under the general law their tax for 1875 would have been \$117,423.21, or \$16,660.03 less than the amount now paid. Their tax per mile of road under the general law would have been \$531.32.

GRAND RIVER VALLEY.

The Grand River Valley Railroad Company, whose road, extending from Jackson to Grand Rapids, is now leased to the Michigan Central Railroad Company, was chartered by Act 98 of 1846, with a capital stock of one million dollars. It was authorized to charge for the transportation of property a reasonable sum not exceeding the charges made by the Michigan Central on January 1, 1846, and for storage, upon the same terms as were allowed to the latter company. It was to permit side tracks to intersect its main road wherever necessary to the public convenience, and was to receive property therefrom, when required, without unreasonable delay. Its annual tax was to be one-half of one per cent upon the capital stock paid in until February 1, 1861 (Act 87 of 1847), after which it was to be three-fourths of one per cent upon its capital stock paid in, and also upon all loans made to the company for construction of the road. The State reserved the right at any time after twenty years, to take possession of the railroad and the company's property on payment of the amount of investment and ten per cent in addition. After thirty years (Act 87 of 1847), the Legislature might alter, amend, or repeal the charter by a two-thirds vote, or might do so at any time for a violation of said charter.

Under the provisions of its charter, the tax paid by this company for 1875, is \$14,940.00, or \$158.31 per mile of road operated. If its taxes for 1875 had been computed under the provisions of our general law, it would have amounted for that year to but \$5,733.38, or \$60.35 per mile of road operated, or a total of \$9,206.62 less than the amount paid under their charter.

LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company arose from the consolidation in 1869, of the Lake Shore Railway with the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad, the latter of the two being a corporation formed by the consolidation, in 1855, of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Companies. The consolidations of 1857 and 1869 were effected under the General Law of 1855 for the incorporation of railroad companies, by which any new corporation so formed, should possess all the powers, rights, and franchises conferred upon the two or more corporations of which it should be composed, and should be subject to all the restrictions, and perform all the duties imposed by the provisions of their respective charters.—(Compiled Laws of 1857, Vol. I., p. 653, § 1994). The consolidation of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana was accomplished by a special enactment.—(Act 138 of 1855).

The Michigan Southern Railroad Company was surveyed and begun, like the Michigan Central, by the State, which held it from 1837 to 1846. In 1841, the State bought the River Raisin and Lake Erie Railroad, running between Monroe and La Plaisance Bay, and declared it a part of the Southern. By Act 113 of 1846 it sold the whole road, including the Tecumseh branch,—the old Palmyra & Jacksonburgh Railroad,—for \$500,000, and chartered the company that bought it, under general conditions almost identical with those contained in the charter of the Michigan Central. The company was to be strictly for railroading and transportation, and its line was to pass from “some suitable point at or near the mouth of the ship canal,” in Monroe, through Petersburg, Adrian, Hillsdale, Coldwater, Jonesville perhaps, and some eligible point on the St. Joseph river, to Niles. The branch was to pass through Tecumseh, Clinton, and Manchester to Jackson. No railroad, except intersecting roads, could thereafter be built so as to come within five miles of the line of the Southern westwardly of Monroe township, and none could be built so as to commence within 20 miles of Monroe, and extend to Lake Michigan or to the southern boundary of the State, whose line should run on an average within 20 miles of the main line of the Southern.

The company was not to charge any higher sums for tolls and transportation than were charged upon the Southern road on the first day of January, 1846, and by Act 195 of 1850, the rates between Monroe and Adrian might never exceed the lowest price at any time charged from Adrian to Toledo, or on any railroad leading from any part of Lenawee county to any point in Ohio while the Michigan Southern should connect with any other railroad leading into that State. The charges for storage and shipment at the eastern terminus were not to exceed those charged by the Michigan Central Railroad Company at its eastern terminus, and no charge for storage could be made except upon goods that had remained in the company's possession four days, or at Monroe twenty-four hours (Sundays excepted), and then only upon notice to the consignees, if known. The company might own or hire six vessels for carrying persons and property, and might charge suitable rates for such transportation. If necessary

to public convenience, it was to allow side tracks to intersect its main line at any depot, and was to receive property from such side tracks without unreasonable delay. It was always to maintain sufficient motive power for the ordinary business of the road, and was always to receive and discharge persons and property at such ware-houses and places along the line as such persons or the consignors or owners of such property might direct, or else suffer a penalty of \$5,000 for each neglect of thirty days.

The authorized corporate stock of the company was fixed at \$2,000,000, with the privilege of increasing it to \$3,000,000. The company was forbidden to make any dividend exceeding six per cent per annum, until all the purchase money for the road, and all the interest thereon, should have been paid. By Act 195 of 1850 it was allowed to issue corporate bonds or obligations, not to exceed the capital stock in the aggregate, for the purpose of providing means for the payment of its debts, and the construction, extension, and completion of its railroads, shops, depots, buildings and equipments, for which purposes, also, it was allowed to issue shares of guaranteed stock, to be called "construction" stock, which, with the original stock, was not to exceed the amount of its capital stock allowed by law.

The State was empowered to repurchase the railroad and all property of the company after January 1, 1867, taking everything subject to liens thereon for loans invested in the road and its works, and was to pay therefor the market value of the entire stock of, and shares in, the company, and ten per cent in addition, the market value to be ascertained by taking the average of the public sale prices of the stock or shares as made in Boston and New York during the twelve months preceding the year in which the State shall so purchase, but in no case shall the amount to be paid be less than the amount of capital actually paid in by the stockholders. If the State and the company could not agree upon the market value, the Supreme Court was to be competent to determine it upon application to be made within six months after the State should elect to purchase.

The provisions of the original charter in regard to amendment or repeal are as follows:

"SEC. 37. The State reserves the right at any time after thirty years from the passage of this act, by a vote of two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature, to alter, amend, or repeal the same: *Provided*, The said company shall be compensated by the State for all damages sustained by reason of such alteration, amendment, or repeal."

The Michigan Southern was authorized to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company, by Act 138 of 1855, the united corporation to possess all the franchises, property, powers, and privileges theretofore enjoyed by the Michigan Southern, and to be subject to all the restrictions, liabilities, and obligations imposed upon the two original corporations by virtue of their charters. The capital of the new company was not to exceed the aggregate amount of capital authorized by the charters of the companies of which it was composed. It was provided that the new corporation should continue subject to the same rate of tax as though the consolidation had not taken place; and the amount of its capital and loans upon which taxation should be paid thereafter, should be such portion of the whole of its capital and loans as should actually be employed in the State, to be ascertained by the Auditor General from sworn reports of the company."

Section six of the above act of consolidation, is as follows:

"SEC. 6. This act shall take effect whenever the said companies shall accept the same, and their acceptance in writing, signed by the president and secretary of said companies, under their corporate seals, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State."

ERIE & KALAMAZOO.

The Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad is operated by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, which holds it under a perpetual lease at \$30,000 a year. The lessors are a corporation chartered by an act approved April 22, 1833 (Terr. Laws, Vol. III., p. 1125), with a capital of one million dollars. Their road lies between Adrian and Toledo, and constitutes that portion of the main line of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. The president and directors of the company were to "have power to charge for tolls and transportation such sums as shall be established by the by-laws of the company," and the Territory reserved the right to purchase it at any time after the expiration of twenty years from its completion, at a price not exceeding its original cost, and fourteen per cent thereon. By act approved March 26, 1835 (Terr. Laws, Vol. III., p. 1396), the stockholders of the railroad company were authorized to establish a bank for the notes and debts of which the stock of the road was to stand as security. When the net proceeds of the road should have paid the cost of its construction, and the expenses of keeping it in repair and operation, and seven per centage on all such expenditures, the road was to become the property of the Territory or State, to be controlled by the Legislature, and to be a free road except for sufficient toll to keep it in repair, and at this time the bank was to be a separate institution.

By section 10 of Act 67 of 1845, it was ordered that the shares of stock in the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad Company in Michigan be exempt from taxation for State purposes, but that in lieu thereof there should be assessed annually, between the first and the fifteenth of May, by the Auditor General, upon the capital stock of the corporation, a tax of one-half of one per cent, to be annually paid into the State Treasury by the corporation, by the first of the following December. But by Act 158 of 1846, it was declared that the company should pay to the State, in the last week of January, an annual tax of one-half of one per cent upon its capital stock paid in, and also upon all loans made to the company for the construction of the road. The Legislature reserved the right at any time to alter, amend, or repeal this latter act, or the act to which it was amendatory, viz.: the original charter of 1833, and ordered the amendatory act to take effect after thirty days from the taking effect of the charter of the Michigan Southern.

With regard to the taxation of this road, the Auditor General's report for 1874, p. cxxiii, contains the following:

"The Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Company has paid-in capital stock to the amount of \$300,000.00, and \$361,787.78 of loans,—a total of \$661,787.78, taxable annually at the rate of one-half of one per cent thereon. This tax is upon the capital stock and loans to the company expended in the construction of its entire road; and since about two-thirds of its road is within the State, the tax is really three-fourths of one per cent upon that portion expended within the State for construction,—making the rate the same as in the case of other special chartered railroad companies operating within the State."

PORT HURON & LAKE MICHIGAN.

The Port Huron & Lake Michigan Railroad Company was incorporated by Act 5 of 1847, and continued a chartered corporation until the consolidation of its road with the Peninsular Railway in the summer of 1873, in accordance with the provisions of the General Railroad Laws, under the title of the Chicago & Lake Huron Railroad Company.

The communication and the accompanying document were laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 19, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to amend section 28 of chapter 172 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4837, relative to guardians and wards;

And to inform the Senate that the House amended the same by adding to end of recited section 7 the following: "And the probate court shall have power to appoint guardians of infant married women on proper application therefor;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Adair moved that the Senate concur in the amendment made to the bill by the House,

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	27

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 19, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 1, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Lexington to issue its bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village,

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same by adding to the end of section 1 the following proviso:

“Provided that said bonds shall not be sold at less than par.”

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Waterbury moved that the Senate concur in the amendment made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Packard,	Williams,	28

NAYS.

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourn to-day, it be until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Redfield called for the yeas and nays.

The resolution was not adopted by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Hinchman,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Markey,			10

NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	McElroy,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Morse,			18

Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was not adopted;

Which motion prevailed.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Redfield called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Andrus moved to amend by striking out the word “Tuesday” and inserting “Monday” in lieu thereof.

Mr. Redfield called for the yeas and nays.

The amendment was not agreed to, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	Wilcox,	9
Markey,				

NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Packard,	
Baxter,	Wm. Cook.	McElroy,	Perrin,	
Breitung,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Redfield,	
Burch,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Hinchman,	Osborn,		19

The resolution was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Breitung,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Wilcox,	
Burleigh,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,		11

NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	McElroy,	Packard,	Shoemaker,	
Burch,	Morse,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Edsell,				17

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Nelson until Monday morning.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Read until Monday evening.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Chamberlain until Tuesday morning.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to amend sections 16, 18, 23, 27, and 39, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Packard,	Williams,	28

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Osborn moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend sections 18, 23, and 27, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875.

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,
Mr. Morse in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being 180 and 181 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the courts of chancery;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 17, entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of an attorney fee in favor of the prevailing party in actions at law in justice courts;

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, sold for taxes and unredeemed, by the Auditor General;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

C. H. MORSE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The second named bill was re-committed to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the third named bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Nelson moved that when the Senate adjourn to-day, it be until Monday evening, January 22, 1877, at 8 o'clock.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, January 22, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Roll called : a quorum present.

The President announced the appointment of Senators Williams and Burleigh as a committee on the part of the Senate to act with a like committee on the part of the House "to invite Prof. R. C. Kedzie to deliver a lecture in this hall, at his earliest convenience, on illuminating oils."

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Burch : Petition of Hon. Joseph Sayles, Hon. John C. Dexter, and nine others, citizens of Oscola county, praying for relief for James Sims ;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Edsell : Petition of S. W. Thompson, M. D., H. L. Isham, M. W. Willis and 40 others, citizens of Otsego, Allegan county, asking for an equality of patronage for different medical schools, or that State patronage be withheld from all ;

Referred to the committee on the university.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, January 19, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House Bill No. 47, entitled,

A bill to repeal act number 300, of session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the construction of a State road in the county of Newaygo," and approved March 7th, 1873 ;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. {
Lansing, Jan. 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the Senate concurring), that the Senate and House adjourn from Friday evening, Jan. 26th, until Monday, February the 5th, at 8 : 30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees, and all members of the House and Senate time to visit the State institutions ;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Nelson moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The concurrent resolution was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 27, entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of seats in theatres, concert or lecture halls, and other places of public entertainment;

2. House bill No. 60, entitled

A bill to amend section 6404 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 8 of chapter 201, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment;

3. House bill No. 10, entitled

A bill to define the powers of notaries in certain cases;

4. House bill No. 36, entitled

A bill to amend section 61 of chapter 21, being section 1027 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second and third named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 19, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That the several committees of the Senate and House on the asylums and other State institutions be considered joint committees, and as such, are hereby authorized, at such times as may suit their convenience, to visit, inspect, and, if need be, investigate said institu-

tions, in order that they may be the better qualified to report as to their condition and wants ;

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 5133, and 5142 of the compiled laws relative to the granting of injunctions to stay proceedings at law in the courts of chancery.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to facilitate, or to provide for the incorporation of military companies, for certain purposes.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 168 of the session laws of 1873, being "An act to provide for the custody and safe keeping of persons who are tried for murder and other high crimes, and are acquitted by reason of insanity."

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain State school lands in Osceola county to James Sims, at the original price and upon the original terms provided by law for the sale of the same.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Morse :

Joint resolution for the relief of Schnyler W. Ambler, county treasurer of Gratiot county.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Mr. Breitung, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 16, of chapter 213 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled, "The action of replevin."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

1. Senate bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being 180 and 181, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the courts of chancery,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out in line one of recited section 145, after the word "upon," the words "proceeding with such appeal and original," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the entering of such appeal and the filing of such ;"

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Williams,
Burch,	Markey,		

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Mr. Packard,	1
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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Perrin moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being sections 5180 and 5181 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the courts of chancery;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

2. Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, sold for taxes, and unredeemed, by the Auditor General,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Burch moved that the same be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, January 23, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Parsons.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained an indefinite leave of absence for Mr. Waterbury, on account of sickness.

Mr. Jenney asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. McElroy for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Tyler: Memorial of the supervisors of Bay county, in relation to the drain laws.

Mr. Tyler moved that the memorial be printed at length in the Journal.

Which motion prevailed,

The following is the memorial:

At a session of the board of supervisors for the county of Bay, held at Bay City, in said county, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1877, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The collection of certain ditch taxes in this county and elsewhere has been perpetually enjoined by the courts, owing, in many cases, to merely formal or technical defects in the proceedings under the existing drain laws, whereby, amongst other things, lands and interests substantially benefited have

escaped contribution therefor, and many poor people been thus deprived of the results of their labor, from the absence of funds to pay the orders given under the acts in question; and

WHEREAS, Also, said acts are of complex and of difficult construction by the parties to whose execution they are chiefly intrusted, and the benefits intended by said laws are impaired on account of the general distrust in acting under them; therefore,

Resolved, That the views of this board in the premises be respectfully presented to the Legislature of the State, now in session, for appropriate action by that body; and, further,

Resolved, That the clerk of this board be directed to forward duly authenticated copies of the above preambles and resolution to our Senator and each of our county Representatives at Lansing, with a request for their active coöperation in furthering the purpose thereof.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF BAY, } ss.

I, William M. Kelley, Clerk of the County of Bay, and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a preamble and resolution, on the record of the board of supervisors now remaining in my office, with the original record thereof, and have found the said copy a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original record.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal
[L. s.] of the circuit court of said county of Bay, this 15th day of
January, A. D. 1877.

WM. M. KELLEY, *Clerk*.

The memorial was referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Burch: Memorial of the supervisors of Mecosta county, praying for some adequate provision of law for the punishment of parents and guardians guilty of atrocious and brutal treatment of their children or wards.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. William Cook: Petition of Geo. H. French, A. Collins, B. Fancher, and 50 others, voters of Calhoun county, asking the Legislature to memorialize Congress to submit an amendment to the constitution in regard to the educational qualifications of voters.

Mr. Wm. Cook moved that the petition be printed at length in the Journal.

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the petition:

To the Honorable, the Legislature of the State of Michigan:

We, the undersigned, believing that the perpetuity of Republican institutions depends on the intelligence and virtue of the people; that an intelligent and honest ballot is vital to good government; and believing that an *educational qualification* should attach to the right of suffrage, and that the time has come when men of all parties will accept of such a qualification, do therefore respectfully ask your honorable body to memorialize Congress to submit a constitutional amendment that shall require all persons, who shall become voters after

1882, to be able to *read* and *write*, as a condition of exercising the right of suffrage.

GEO. M. FRENCH,
BELA FANCHER,
H. A. BUNNELL,
GEO. J. FRENCH,
E. HENDERSON,
W. J. WEBSTER,
A. J. MURRAY,
GEO. WESTCOTT,
A. O. PARKS,
ANDREW PETERS,
GEO. E. DAVIS,
M. M. CAMBURN,
A. L. COTTON,
E. H. LEACH,
I. J. NELSON,
R. F. CHURCH,
THOMAS LYON,
C. O. BALL,
E. A. COLLINS,
C. M. ADAMS,
G. A. DUSENBURY,
CHAS. H. MAHANY,
CHAS. E. DEBOW,
T. S. DORSEY,
LUKE M. THAYER,
L. D. PROPER,

A. SABIN,
ALBERT COLLINS,
W. A. LANE,
I. W. MUMBRUE,
BYRON SMITH,
H. O. COOK,
H. H. PARKS,
L. T. VAN HORN,
WILLIAM RABY,
WM. BENTON,
W. P. MARSH,
JAMES W. WENDEBURG,
MICHAEL GREGG,
JOSEPH E. DANIELS,
H. R. COOK,
M. W. HATCH,
H. C. HART,
J. M. PALMER,
WM. A. WATSON,
WM. MAHANY,
B. F. GOODRICH,
J. M. DOLPH,
E. H. COOK,
IRA ALLEN,
VOLNEY GIBBS,
EUGENE C. DANA.

Homer, Jan. 15, 1877.

The petition was referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Edsell: Memorial of John E. Davis, J. P., of Hot Springs, Ark., relative to the payment of State bounty to Michigan soldiers who enlisted in the year 1861.

Referred to the committee on appropriation and finance.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Redfield gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for an assistant to the State Librarian, and for the expense of removal of said library to the rooms designed therefor in the new capitol building.

Mr. Wilcox gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the procedure in actions on the case for negligence in the several courts of this State.

Mr. Morgan gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize cities, incorporated towns, and townships to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms.

Mr. Foote offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby requested to furnish to the Senate, as soon as practicable, a list of the mining and manufactur-

ing companies in this State, organized under the act of February 5, 1853, and the several acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof, giving the business and location of said companies, as shown by their several articles of association ;

Which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Baxter, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for an annual appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend act No. 168 of the session laws of 1873, being "An act to provide for the custody and safe keeping of persons who are tried for murder and other high crimes, and are acquitted by reason of insanity."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Freeman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to facilitate, or to provide for the incorporation of military companies, for certain purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced,

A bill to amend section 5133 and 5142 of the compiled laws, relative to the granting of injunctions to stay proceedings at law in the courts of chancery.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole, on the general order,

Mr. Wm. Cook in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report :

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills :

1. Senate bill No. 13, entitled

A bill supplementary to an act entitled "An act for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts," approved March 16, 1849 ;

2. Senate bill No. 18, entitled

A bill to amend sections 6406 and 6407 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by section one of Act No. 154 of the session laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment ;

3. Senate bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery ;

4. Senate bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, and approved April 15, 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies, and defining their powers and duties; and to repeal chapter 97 of the compiled laws of 1871, and also act No. 94 of the session laws of 1871," approved April 12, 1871;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following bills:

5. Senate bill No. 22, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, approved February 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers;"

6. Senate bill No. 23, entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books for the State Library;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 2, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the purchase of certain books of a public nature for the use of the State;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

WM. COOK, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the first, second, third, and fourth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

The fifth and sixth named bills, and the joint resolution, were then placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Perrin moved to take from the table

Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, sold for taxes, and unredeemed, by the Auditor General;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by adding to the end of line 6, of section 1, after the word "abstracted," the words "for each year so abstracted;"

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate took a recess until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

Mr. Freeman asked and obtained leave of absence for Senators Jenney, Shoemaker and Read, committee on the Agricultural College, for the remainder of the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Burch : Memorial of the Board of Supervisors of Mecosta county praying for the repeal of the law creating the office of township superintendents of schools, and for some provision for county superintendent of schools ;

Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Freeman : Petition of Samuel Stowell, Thomas Cornell, C. O. Thompson, M. L. Smith, and seventy-five others, citizens of Ionia county, that the owners of bank stock be required to pay taxes thereon, in the city or township in which such owners reside.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on judiciary :

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 16 of chapter 213 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "The action of replevin."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee, The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on constitutional amendments :

The committee on constitutional amendments, to whom was referred

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section one, Article IX. of the constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit court,

Have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7700 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against chastity, morality and decency.

Mr. Osborn gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, bearing compiler's section 6443, relative to garnishees.

Mr. Edsell gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the registration of practicing physicians and surgeons.

Mr. Perrin moved to take from the table the following:

Senate joint resolution No. 1, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 12, of Article VI., of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to appointment of Clerk of the Supreme Court; Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

The joint resolution was then not passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Breitung,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Foote,	Osborn,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Freeman,	Perrin,	19

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Redfield,	5
Andrus,				

Mr. Baxter moved that Senate rule 46, declaring that no question shall be reconsidered more than once, be suspended, and the vote by which the joint resolution was not passed, be reconsidered.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

The question being upon the passage of the joint resolution,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain State school lands in Osceola county to James Sims, at the original price and upon the original terms provided by law for the sale of the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 13, entitled

A bill supplementary to an act entitled "An act for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts," approved March 16, 1849;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Williams moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

Senate bill No. 18, entitled

A bill to amend sections 6406 and 6407 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by section one of act No. 154 of the session laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Foote, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend section one of the bill so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact*, That section six thousand four hundred and six of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, as amended by section one of act No. 154, of the session laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment; also section six thousand four hundred and seven of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment, be so amended as to read as follows:

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Breitung,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burch,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams, 20

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Packard, 4
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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Perrin moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend section 6406 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by section one of act No. 154, of the session laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment; and to also amend section 6407 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment.

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Senate bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, and approved April 15, 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies, and defining their powers and duties; and to repeal chapter 97 of the compiled laws of 1871, and also act No. 94 of the session laws of 1871, approved April 12, 1871,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Freeman,	Packard,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	23

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Mr. Adair,	1
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Wilcox,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Osborn,	Williams,
Burch,	Freeman,	Perrin,	23

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Mr. Packard,	1
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Title agreed to.

Senato bill No. 22, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, approved February 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers,"

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Foote,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Freeman,	Packard,	Wilcox,
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NAYS.

Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Williams,	4
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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Redfield moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, approved February 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers," so that the provisions of the act shall apply to boarding house keepers;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Senate bill No. 23, entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books for the State Library,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Freeman,	Packard,	Williams, 24

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate joint resolution No. 2, entitled

A joint resolution authorizing the purchase of certain books of a public nature, for the use of the State,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Perrin,	Williams,
Burleigh,			17

NAYS.

Mr. Burch,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Wilcox,
Freeman,	Morse,	Packard,	7

Title and preamble agreed to.

Mr. Redfield moved that the Senate adjourn,

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Morse moved to take from the table the following:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), that the Senate and House adjourn from Friday evening, 26th, until Monday, February the 5th, at 8:30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees, and all members of the House and Senate time to visit the State institutions;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being upon the passage of the resolution,

Mr. Packard moved to amend the resolution so as to read as follows:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Senate and House adjourn from Friday evening, February 2d, until Monday, February 12th, at 8:30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees and all members of the House and Senate time to visit the State institutions.

Which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, as amended,

Mr. Perrin called for the yeas and nays.

The resolution was then adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Freeman,	Packard,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	23

NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	1
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Wilcox,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Osborn,	Williams,
Burch,	Freeman,	Perrin,	23

NAYS.

Mr. Packard,	1
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 22, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, approved February 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers,"

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Foote,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Freeman,	Packard,	Wilcox,
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NAYS.

Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Williams,	4
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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Redfield moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, approved February 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers," so that the provisions of the act shall apply to boarding house keepers;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Senate bill No. 23, entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books for the State Library,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Freeman,	Packard,	Williams,
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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate joint resolution No. 2, entitled

A joint resolution authorizing the purchase of certain books of a public nature, for the use of the State,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Perrin,	Williams,
Burleigh,			
			17

NAYS.

Mr. Burch,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Wilcox,
Freeman,	Morse,	Packard,	
			7

Title and preamble agreed to.

Mr. Redfield moved that the Senate adjourn,

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Morse moved to take from the table the following:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), that the Senate and House adjourn from Friday evening, 26th, until Monday, February the 5th, at 8:30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees, and all members of the House and Senate time to visit the State institutions;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being upon the passage of the resolution,

Mr. Packard moved to amend the resolution so as to read as follows:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Senate and House adjourn from Friday evening, February 2d, until Monday, February 12th, at 8:30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees and all members of the House and Senate time to visit the State institutions.

Which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, as amended,

Mr. Perrin called for the yeas and nays.

The resolution was then adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS,

Mr. Breitung,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Rankin,	
Burch,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Freeman,	Packard,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,				13

NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Baxter,	Morgan,	Perrin,		11
On motion of Mr. Burleigh, The Senate adjourned.				

Lansing, Wednesday, January 24, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Reeves.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Adair asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Breitung for the day, on account of sickness.

The President announced the following:

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, }
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, Jan. 22, 1877.

To the President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am instructed by the State Board of Agriculture to invite you, and through you the members of the Senate, to attend and participate in the exercises of the Farmers' Institute, to be held in Mead's Hall, in the city of Lansing, commencing on the evening of Wednesday, the 31st instant, and continuing its sessions during the following day and evening.

Yours respectfully,

R. G. BAIRD,

Secretary.

The communication was laid on the table.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Burch: Memorial of the board of supervisors of Mecosta, praying for an appropriation of money to build a bridge over the Muskegon river, in Mecosta county.

Mr. Burch moved that the memorial be printed at length in the Journal;

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the memorial:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

Your petitioners, the board of supervisors of the county of Mecosta, respectfully represent, that the bridge across the Muskegon river at the crossing of the

Grand Rapids and Big Rapids State road, in the township of Mecosta, has been built for ten years or more, and being constructed of wood, is now unsafe, and has been condemned as such by the township authorities. They further state that said State road is the only thoroughfare into this part of the country from the south, and all immigrants and others who come into this region from that direction by teams, are obliged to cross said bridge. They further state that the said township is wholly unable to bear the expense of the erection of a new bridge at said point, and that the county of Mecosta has such a number of streams within its territory that it is impossible for it to build and keep in repair the numerous bridges required, without imposing taxes upon the people which would be burdensome in the extreme, and next to impossible for many of its inhabitants to pay.

Therefore, your petitioners respectfully request that you appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars with which to build a new bridge at the place aforesaid, either of wood or iron; said stream being about two hundred feet wide at said point. And for which we will ever pray, etc.

Dated January 10, 1877.

The report was accepted and adopted; and the clerk was instructed to send certified copies of the memorial to our Senator and Representatives in the State Legislature.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF MECOSTA, } ss.

I, CHARLIE GAY, Clerk of the county of Mecost, and Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing, adopted at the January session of the board of supervisors of said county, with the original record now remaining in my office, and have found the same a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original record.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Circuit Court this 20th day of January, A. D. 1877.

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CHARLIE GAY,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 60 (printed No. 15), entitled

A bill to amend section 6404 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 8 of chapter 201, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report acted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 5133 and 5142 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to granting of injunctions to stay proceedings at law in the courts of chancery,

Respectfully report that they have the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on judiciary:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain lands in Oseeola county to James Sims, at the original price and upon the original terms provided by law for the sale of the same.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

The memorial of the members of the bar of the county of Shiawassee, relative to the fees of the county clerks and registers in chancery; and also the petition of bar of Monroe county on the same subject, asking that an act be passed requiring a stated sum to be paid to the clerks and registers in chancery at the time of commencing suit or filing the first papers in the same,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the statement that, in their opinion, the change in the existing laws as proposed, is not desirable, and recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The memorial and petition were laid on the table.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for an annual appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS.

The President announced the following:

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
OFFICE OF THE COMPILER OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL, }
Lansing, January 23, 1877.

To the President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the pleasure of laying on the tables of the Senators this day, the advance Manual ordered by the Legislature a few days since.

I specially request a critical examination of the same by the Senators, to the end that any inaccuracies may be promptly reported to me, to insure the correctness of the Manual, the preparation of which is being pushed forward rapidly.

Very respectfully yours,

ALLEN L. BOURS, *Compiler.*

The communication was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 23, 1877.

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to prohibit any person from obstructing the regular operation and conduct of the business of railroad companies,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 23, 1877.

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 18, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriation for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the new capitol and for improvements in said building," approved February 18, 1875;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to take from the table

Senate bill No. 13, entitled

A bill supplementary to an act entitled "An act for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts," approved March 16, 1849;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Foots,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	25
Wm. Cook,				

NAYS.

Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Morse,	2
Title agreed to.		

Mr. Nelson gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution providing for the payment of balances due on certain adjudicated claims.

Mr. Baxter moved that the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the House to return to the Senate

Senate bill No. 18, entitled

A bill to amend section 6406 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by section 1 of act No. 154 of the session laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment; and to also amend section 6407 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Packard moved that the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the House to return to the Senate

Senate bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being sections 5180 and 5181 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the courts of chancery;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Packard moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed

Senate bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7590 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against property.

Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), that the Senate and House adjourn from Friday evening, February 2d, until Monday, February 12th, at 8:30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees and all members of the House and Senate time to visit the State Institutions;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the concurrent resolution,

Mr. Baxter moved to amend the same by striking out "2d," and inserting "9th," in lieu thereof; also, by striking out "12th," and inserting "19th," in lieu thereof,

Which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

Mr. Burleigh moved that the concurrent resolution be laid on the table,

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Redfield called for the yeas and nays.

The motion that the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed, did not prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Tyler,
Baxter,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	Williams,
Foote,			

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NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Perrin,
Burleigh,	Edsell,	Morse,	Rankin,
Burch,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Read,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,		

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Mr. McElroy moved to amend by striking out the words "and all members;"

Which motion did not prevail.

The question recurring on the adoption of the concurrent resolution, as amended,

Mr. Redfield called for the yeas and nays.

The concurrent resolution was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Chamberlain,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Read,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,			

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NAYS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Morgan,	Redfield,	Williams,
Burch,	Morse,		

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Wilcox, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to regulate the procedure in actions on the case for negligence in the several courts of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Osborn, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6443, relative to garnishees.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7700 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against chastity, morality and decency.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Andrus: Petition of J. S. Cowin, T. B. Willson, Wellington Rasco, and 48 others, citizens of Kent county, asking for an appropriation to construct a ditch to drain State swamp lands in Kent and Montcalm counties.

Referred to the committee on public lands.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for a uniformity of text-books in the primary and graded schools of this State;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, Jr., *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 27 (printed No. 13), entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of seats in theatres, concert and lecture halls, and other places of public entertainment,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred back

Senate bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18, 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the village of Lexington to issue its bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 28 of chapter 172, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4837, relative to guardians and wards,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), that the Senate and House adjourn from

Friday evening, 26th inst., until Monday, February the 5th, at 8:30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing each of the committees, separately and respectively of the House and Senate time to visit the State institutions;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Wilcox moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. Redfield called for the yeas and nays.

The concurrent resolution was not concurred in, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,

Mr. Wilcox,

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NAYS.

Mr. Andrus,

Mr. Wm. Cook,

Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Rankin,

Baxter,

Edsell,

Morse,

Read,

Breitung,

Foote,

Nelson,

Redfield,

Burleigh,

Freeman,

Osborn,

Shoemaker,

Burch,

Jenney,

Packard,

Tyler,

Chamberlain,

Markey,

Perrin,

Williams,

D. R. Cook,

McElroy,

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The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 26 (printed No. 17), entitled

“A bill to amend section 4819 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 10, of chapter 172, relative to testamentary guardians.

Which has passed the House by a majority of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill :

Senate bill No. 10, entitled

A bill to provide for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws relative to the support of poor persons.

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Morse gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 13 of act No. 228, session laws of 1875, relative to the taxation of the liquor traffic.

Mr. Burch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the impeachment of the returns of justices of the peace in cases removed to circuit court by appeal or upon certiorari.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

Joint resolution to amend section fifteen of article eighteen of the constitution of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Adair gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

Joint resolution for the relief of Philander M. Barker.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Rankin in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, sold for taxes and unredeemed, by the Auditor General;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. House bill No. 60 (printed No. 15), entitled

A bill to amend section 6404 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 8, of chapter 201, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. House bill No. 27 (printed No. 13), entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of seats in theatres, concert or lecture halls, and other places of public entertainment;

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

F. H. RANKIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the first-named bill by the committee, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

The second-named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The Senate concurred in the action of the committee of the whole, in striking out all after the enacting clause in the third-named bill, and the enacting clause thereof was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, January 25, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilkins.

Roll called : a quorum present.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bills to the Governor under the rules :

A bill to authorize the village of Lexington to issue its bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village ;

A bill to amend section 28, of chapter 172 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4737, relative to guardians and wards.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Packard : Petition of John Salee, M. D., M. E. Bishop, M. D., S. A. Tripp, and 125 others, relative to an Eclectic Medical Department in the State University.

Mr. Packard moved that the petition be printed at length in the journal ;

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the petition :

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, in Legislature assembled :

While we, the undersigned, citizens of Van Buren and Allegan counties, deprecate the policy of State support to medical schools, we believe the claims of the different schools of medicine to State patronage to be equal, and would, therefore, respectfully petition your honorable body to either make appropriations for the maintenance of an Eclectic Medical Department in the State University, equal to those made for the Homeopathic Department, or to withdraw all support from the Medical Department of the University.

We do most earnestly protest against the injustice of the State sustaining, either by appropriations of money or by association with the University, one school of medicine to the exclusion of another.

Referred to the committee on public health.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 36 (printed No. 14), entitled,

A bill to amend section 61 of chapter 21, being section 1027 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 4257 of the compiled laws of 1871 and act No. 46 of the session laws of 1875, to provide for recording patents and for other purposes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 254 of the compiled laws, being an act to establish the rate of fees to be charged by the Auditor General for furnishing transcripts, lists, abstracts and certificates,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the formation of land companies,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 10 (printed No. 11), entitled

A bill to define the powers of notaries in certain cases,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section five of chapter two hundred and two of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6443, relative to garnishees,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 26 (printed No. 17), entitled

A bill to amend section 4819 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 10 of chapter 172, relative to testamentary guardians,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7700 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against chastity, morality and decency,

Respectfully report that they have the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committees on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly, to whom was referred

House bill No. 18 (printed No. 1), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the heat-

ing and ventilating apparatus for the new capitol, and for making improvements in said building," approved February 18, 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN,

Chairman Com. on State Capitol and Public Buildings.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman Com. on Appropriations and Finance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws relative to the support of poor persons,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

A bill entitled a bill to protect the lives of railroad passengers from casualties by fire,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and, without recommendation, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

A bill entitled a bill to require railroad corporations to give 30 days' notice previous to increasing rates of freight,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Adair,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

House bill No. 8 (printed No. 5), entitled

A bill to prohibit any person from obstructing the regular operation and conduct of the business of railroad companies, or other corporations, firms, or individuals,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee appointed as a committee on the part of the Senate to act with a like committee on the part of the House "to invite Prof. R. C. Kedzie to deliver a lecture in this hall, at his earliest convenience, on illuminating oils," submitted a verbal report to the effect that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the Professor had accepted the invitation, and would deliver his lecture in the hall of the House of Representatives, at 8 o'clock this evening.

Report accepted and committee discharge.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bill to the Governor under the rules:

A bill to provide for the compilation, printing, and distribution of laws relative to the support of poor persons.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 24, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

An act to amend section 28 of chapter 172 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4837, relative to guardians and wards.

An act to authorize the village of Lexington to issue its bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village.

An act to provide for the compilation, printing, and distribution of the laws relative to the support of poor persons.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Tyler gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to appropriate swamp lands to build a bridge across the Quanicassee river, on section 31, in township 14 north of range 7 east, in Tuscola county.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the issue of free passes to the judges of the Supreme or circuit courts, and to members of the Legislature, on the railroads of this State.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 5, of act No. 79, of session laws of 1873, pertaining to salary of Commissioner of Railroads.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 2 and 5, of article 14, and sections 2 and 3, of article 15, of act No. 290, of 1867, being an act to incorporate the village of St. Johns.

Mr. Edsell moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred in the action of the committee of the whole in striking out all after the enacting clause of

House bill No. 27 (printed No. 13), entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of seats in theatres, concert, or lecture halls, and other places of public entertainment;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on concurring in the action of the committee of the whole in striking out all after the enacting clause of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Burch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 123 of the session laws of 1873, the same being an act to amend act No. 154 of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts, and in the district court of the Upper Peninsula, approved March 16, 1871, being section 6465 of the compiled laws of 1871."

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Nelson, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution providing for the payment of balances due on certain adjudicated claims.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on claims and public accounts.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7590 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against property.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the impeachment of the returns of justices of the peace in cases removed to circuit court by appeal or upon certiorari.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Edsell, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the registration of practicing physicians and surgeons.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public health.

Mr. Adair, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution for the relief of Philander M. Barker.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands sold for taxes and unredeemed, by the Auditor General.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,	28

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 60 (printed No. 15), entitled

A bill to amend section 6404 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 8 of chapter 201, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,		27

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Mr. Breitung,

Title agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Adair in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849;

2. Senate bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 24, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5133 and 5142 of the compiled laws, relative to granting of injunctions to stay proceedings at law in the courts of chancery;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first and second named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the third named bill, and

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was re-committed to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Foote asked and obtained leave of absence for Senators D. R. Cook, Perrin and Markey for the day, upon official business.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 25, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following preamble and concurrent resolution:

Whereas, Our chief clerk has been subpoenaed by the committee on election of the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress, to appear forthwith before said committee in the city of Washington; and

Whereas, Leave of absence has been granted said clerk that he may comply with the request of said subpoena; therefore

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Senate and House adjourn from Friday coming, Jan. 26th, until Monday, Feb. the 5th, at 8.30 p. m., for the purpose of allowing the committees of the House and Senate to visit the State institutions upon which said committees have been appointed.

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Morgan moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 18 (printed No. 1), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the new capitol, and for improvements in said building," approved February 18, 1875;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Morgan,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1856, being section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to salary of judges of probate.

Mr. Andrus moved to take from the table

A bill requiring railroad corporations to give 30 days' notice previous to increasing rates of freight;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Morse, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 13 of act No. 228, session laws of 1875, relative to the taxation of the liquor traffic.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Williams moved to recommit the bill to the committee on the judiciary.

By unanimous consent

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the House be respectfully requested to return to the Senate the following:

Whereas, Our chief clerk has been subpoenaed by the committee on election of the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress, to appear before said committee in the city of Washington; and

Whereas, Leave of absence has been granted said clerk, that he may comply with the request of said subpoena: therefore

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Senate and House adjourn from Friday coming, January 26th, until Monday, February the 5th, at 8:30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees of the House and Senate to visit the State institutions, upon which said committees have been appointed.

Which motion prevailed.

House bill No. 18 (printed No. 1), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "an act making appropriations for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the new capitol, and for improvements in said building," approved February 18, 1875;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,			

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Title agreed to

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,
Mr. Redfield in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. House bill No. 36 (printed No. 14), entitled

A bill to amend section 61 of chapter 21, being section 1027 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes;

2. House bill No. 10 (printed No. 11), entitled

A bill to define the powers of notaries in certain cases ;

3. House bill No. 26 (printed No. 17), entitled

A bill to amend section 4819 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 10 of chapter 172, relative to testamentary guardians ;

4. House bill No. 8 (printed No. 5), entitled

A bill to prohibit any person from obstructing the regular operation and conduct of the business of railroad companies ;

5. Senate bill No. 25, entitled

A bill to provide an annual appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan ;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

6. House bill No. 27 (printed No. 13), entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of seats in theaters, concert, or lecture halls, and other places of public entertainment ;

7. Senate bill No. 24, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5133 and 5142 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to granting of injunctions to stay proceedings at law in courts of chancery,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

8. Senate bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18th, 1871 ;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

H. J. REDFIELD, *Chairman*.

The first, second, third, fourth, and fifth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the sixth and seventh named bills by the committee, and they were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the eighth named bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, January 26, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.
Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Freeman : Petition of Charles Swarthout and seventy-five other citizens of Ionia and Montcalm counties, praying that laws be enacted to prevent the wholesale and indiscriminate destruction of deer with hounds, etc.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

Joint resolution for the relief of Schuyler Ambler, county treasurer of Gratiot county,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

The memorial of John E. Davis, J. P., of Hot Springs, Ark., relative to the payment of State bounty to Michigan soldiers who enlisted in the year 1861,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that it be referred to the committee on military affairs, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The memorial was referred to the committee on military affairs.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judge of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section five of chapter two hundred and two of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6443, relative to garnishees,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 26 (printed No. 17), entitled

A bill to amend section 4819 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 10 of chapter 172, relative to testamentary guardians,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7700 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against chastity, morality and decency,

Respectfully report that they have the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committees on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly, to whom was referred

House bill No. 18 (printed No. 1), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the heat-

ing and ventilating apparatus for the new capitol, and for making improvements in said building," approved February 18, 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN,

Chairman Com. on State Capitol and Public Buildings.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman Com. on Appropriations and Finance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws relative to the support of poor persons,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

A bill entitled a bill to protect the lives of railroad passengers from casualties by fire,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and, without recommendation, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

A bill entitled a bill to require railroad corporations to give 30 days' notice previous to increasing rates of freight,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Adair,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

House bill No. 8 (printed No. 5), entitled

A bill to prohibit any person from obstructing the regular operation and conduct of the business of railroad companies, or other corporations, firms, or individuals,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee appointed as a committee on the part of the Senate to act with a like committee on the part of the House "to invite Prof. R. C. Kedzie to deliver a lecture in this hall, at his earliest convenience, on illuminating oils," submitted a verbal report to the effect that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the Professor had accepted the invitation, and would deliver his lecture in the hall of the House of Representatives, at 8 o'clock this evening.

Report accepted and committee discharge.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bill to the Governor under the rules:

A bill to provide for the compilation, printing, and distribution of laws relative to the support of poor persons.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 24, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

An act to amend section 28 of chapter 172 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4837, relative to guardians and wards.

An act to authorize the village of Lexington to issue its bonds to pay the indebtedness of said village.

An act to provide for the compilation, printing, and distribution of the laws relative to the support of poor persons.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Tyler gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to appropriate swamp lands to build a bridge across the Quanicassee river, on section 31, in township 14 north of range 7 east, in Tuscola county.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the issue of free passes to the judges of the Supreme or circuit courts, and to members of the Legislature, on the railroads of this State.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 5, of act No. 79, of session laws of 1873, pertaining to salary of Commissioner of Railroads.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 2 and 5, of article 14, and sections 2 and 3, of article 15, of act No. 290, of 1867, being an act to incorporate the village of St. Johns.

Mr. Edsell moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred in the action of the committee of the whole in striking out all after the enacting clause of

House bill No. 27 (printed No. 13), entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of seats in theatres, concert, or lecture halls, and other places of public entertainment;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on concurring in the action of the committee of the whole in striking out all after the enacting clause of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Burch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 123 of the session laws of 1873, the same being an act to amend act No. 154 of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts, and in the district court of the Upper Peninsula, approved March 16, 1871, being section 6465 of the compiled laws of 1871."

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Nelson, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution providing for the payment of balances due on certain adjudicated claims.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on claims and public accounts.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7590 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against property.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the impeachment of the returns of justices of the peace in cases removed to circuit court by appeal or upon certiorari.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Edsell, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the registration of practicing physicians and surgeons.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public health.

Mr. Adair, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution for the relief of Philander M. Barker.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands sold for taxes and unredeemed, by the Auditor General.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,
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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 60 (printed No. 15), entitled

A bill to amend section 6404 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 8 of chapter 201, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	
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Mr. Breitung,

Title agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Adair in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849;

2. Senate bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 24, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5133 and 5142 of the compiled laws, relative to granting of injunctions to stay proceedings at law in the courts of chancery;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first and second named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the third named bill, and

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was re-committed to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Foote asked and obtained leave of absence for Senators D. R. Cook, Perrin and Markey for the day, upon official business.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 25, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following preamble and concurrent resolution:

Whereas, Our chief clerk has been subpoenaed by the committee on election of the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress, to appear forthwith before said committee in the city of Washington; and

Whereas, Leave of absence, has been granted said clerk that he may comply with the request of said subpoena; therefore

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Senate and House adjourn from Friday coming, Jan. 26th, until Monday, Feb. the 5th, at 8.30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees of the House and Senate to visit the State institutions upon which said committees have been appointed.

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Morgan moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 18 (printed No. 1), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the new capitol, and for improvements in said building," approved February 18, 1875;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Morgan,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1856, being section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to salary of judges of probate.

Mr. Andrus moved to take from the table

A bill requiring railroad corporations to give 30 days' notice previous to increasing rates of freight;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Morse, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 13 of act No. 228, session laws of 1875, relative to the taxation of the liquor traffic.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Williams moved to recommit the bill to the committee on the judiciary.

By unanimous consent

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the House be respectfully requested to return to the Senate the following:

Whereas, Our chief clerk has been subpoenaed by the committee on election of the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress, to appear before said committee in the city of Washington; and

Whereas, Leave of absence has been granted said clerk, that he may comply with the request of said subpoena: therefore

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Senate and House adjourn from Friday coming, January 26th, until Monday, February the 5th, at 8:30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees of the House and Senate to visit the State institutions, upon which said committees have been appointed.

Which motion prevailed.

House bill No. 18 (printed No. 1), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "an act making appropriations for the heating and ventilating apparatus for the new capitol, and for improvements in said building," approved February 18, 1875;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,			

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Title agreed to

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Redfield in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. House bill No. 36 (printed No. 14), entitled

A bill to amend section 61 of chapter 21, being section 1027 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes;

2. House bill No. 10 (printed No. 11), entitled

A bill to define the powers of notaries in certain cases ;

3. House bill No. 26 (printed No. 17), entitled

A bill to amend section 4819 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 10 of chapter 172, relative to testamentary guardians ;

4. House bill No. 8 (printed No. 5), entitled

A bill to prohibit any person from obstructing the regular operation and conduct of the business of railroad companies ;

5. Senate bill No. 25, entitled

A bill to provide an annual appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan ;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

6. House bill No. 27 (printed No. 13), entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of seats in theaters, concert, or lecture halls, and other places of public entertainment ;

7. Senate bill No. 24, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5133 and 5142 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to granting of injunctions to stay proceedings at law in courts of chancery,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

8. Senate bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18th, 1871 ;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

H. J. REDFIELD, *Chairman*.

The first, second, third, fourth, and fifth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the sixth and seventh named bills by the committee, and they were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the eighth named bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, January 26, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.
Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Freeman: Petition of Charles Swarthout and seventy-five other citizens of Ionia and Montcalm counties, praying that laws be enacted to prevent the wholesale and indiscriminate destruction of deer with hounds, etc.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

Joint resolution for the relief of Schuyler Ambler, county treasurer of Gratiot county,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

The memorial of John E. Davis, J. P., of Hot Springs, Ark., relative to the payment of State bounty to Michigan soldiers who enlisted in the year 1861,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that it be referred to the committee on military affairs, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The memorial was referred to the committee on military affairs.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judge of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Williams moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee of the whole;

Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,			22

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Mr. Burch,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Rankin,	Mr. Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Jenney,			6

Title agreed to.

Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of the whole.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7590 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against property,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, January 25, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House manuscript bill No. 90, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Pierson in the county of Montcalm, for the year 1876;

2. House manuscript bill No. 105, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of State and county taxes for the city of Detroit, Wayne county,

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect,

and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. Perrin moved that the rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days, be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,	28

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. Adair moved that the rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days be suspended and the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,	28

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 26, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House manuscript bill No. 108, entitled

A bill to authorize the supervisor of the township of Denton, Roscommon county, to spread the highway tax upon the tax-roll of the township of Denton, for the year 1876, and to extend the time for collecting taxes upon said roll,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. Morse moved that the rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days, be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Foot,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 25, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 2, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant prosecuting attorney in the county of Wayne,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 25, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following:

House bill No. 49, entitled

A bill to amend sections 23 and 42 of an act to incorporate the village of Hancock, the same being act No. 274 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Hancock," approved March 19, 1875,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 25, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following:

Senate bill No. 3, entitled

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, and defining the duties and compensation of the same,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the Railroad Commissioner be requested to arrange for the transportation of the committees on the asylums, and other State institutions, and all members of the House and Senate, to visit and inspect the same, and that the Governor be requested to accompany said committees and members;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Burch moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. Redfield called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution did not prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Burch,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Edsell,	McElroy,	Read,	Wilcox,	
Freeman,	Morse,			10

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Perrin,	Williams,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,			18

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 25, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Senate and House committee on the University be and they are hereby authorized to sit during the recess of the Legislature from January 26th inst., to February 5th next.

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Read moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. Baxter moved to amend by striking out all after the word "during," and inserting "any recesses of the Legislature until they have completed their labors;"

Which was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, as amended, was then concurred in.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Foote gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill authorizing and regulating proceedings by garnishment in courts of record, and to repeal an act, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts, and the district court of the Upper Peninsula," approved March 16, 1861, and to repeal the several acts amendatory thereof, the same being compiler's sections of the compiled laws of 1871, from section 6465 to section 6512, inclusive;

Also,

A bill to provide for the taxation of the business of manufacturing and selling spirituous or intoxicating, malt, brewed, fermented, or distilled liquors, and to repeal act No. 228 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act for the

taxation of the business of manufacturing and selling spirituous and intoxicating, malt, brewed, or fermented liquors," approved May 3, 1875.

Mr. Breitung gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal sections 16 and 17, being paragraphs 5264 and 5265 of chapter 178 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "Courts held by justices of the peace."

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prevent bribery in elections.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the thanks of the Legislature be and the same are hereby tendered to Dr. R. C. Kedzie for the able, lucid, and practical presentation of the merits and defects of the present laws of the State for the inspection of illuminating oils, given to us in his lecture last evening, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Adair gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the reduction of the capital stock of corporations.

Mr. Packard offered the following:

Resolved, That all bills from the House shall be read before the Senate at least one day before being voted on by the Senate;

Which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Freeman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 5, of act No. 79, of session laws of 1873, pertaining to salary of Commissioner of Railroads.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend act No. 123 of the session laws of 1873, the same being an act to amend act No. 154 of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts, and in the district court of the Upper Peninsula," approved March 16, 1871, being section 6465 of the compiled laws of 1871."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. McElroy, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A joint resolution to amend Article VII. of the constitution, relative to elections, by adding a new section thereto, to stand as section 9, in regard to the qualification of voters.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A joint resolution to amend section fifteen of Article XVIII. of the constitution of the State of Michigan.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced,

A bill to amend sections 2 and 5, of article 14, and sections 2 and 3, of article 15, of act No. 290, of 1867, being an act to incorporate the village of St. Johns.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 36 (printed No. 14), entitled,

A bill to amend section 61, of chapter 21, being section 1027 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,		23

NAYS.

Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Wilcox,			2
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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 12 (printed No. 11), entitled

A bill to define the powers of notaries in certain cases,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,				25

NAYS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Jenney,			3
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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 26 (printed No. 17), entitled

A bill to amend section 4519 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 10 of chapter 172, relative to testamentary guardians,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,

Mr. Breitung, Burleigh, Burch, D. R. Cook,	Mr. Freeman, Jenney, Markey,	Mr. Osborn, Perrin, Rankin,	Mr. Tyler, Wilcox, Williams,	25
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NAYS.

Mr. Morgan,	1
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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 8 (printed No. 5), entitled

A bill to prohibit any person from obstructing the regular operation and conduct of the business of railroad companies,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Edsell, Foote, Freeman, Jenney, McElroy,	Mr. Morgan, Morse, Nelson, Osborn, Packard,	Mr. Perrin, Rankin, Read, Tyler, Wilcox,	21
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NAYS.

Mr. Burleigh, Burch,	Mr. Markey, Redfield,	Mr. Shoemaker,	Mr. Williams,	6
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 25, entitled

A bill to provide an annual appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan,

Was read a third time and not passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter, Breitung, Burch, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Edsell, Foote, Freeman, McElroy, Morgan,	Mr. Morse, Nelson, Osborn, Packard, Rankin,	Mr. Read, Redfield, Shoemaker, Wilcox, Williams,	21
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Mr. Adair, Andrus,	Mr. Burleigh, Jenney,	Mr. Perrin,	Mr. Tyler,	6
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Mr. Foote moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Foote,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of the whole.

Senate bill No. 24, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5133 and 5142 of the compiled laws, relative to granting of injunctions to stay proceedings at law in the courts of chancery,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Foote,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,			

25

NAYS.

Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Wilcox,
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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 27 (printed No. 13), entitled,

A bill to regulate the sale of seats in theaters, concert, or lecture halls, and other places of public entertainment.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Read,
Baxter,	Foote,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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NAYS.

Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
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Title agreed to.

Mr. Packard moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The Senate took a recess until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senators Cook, McElroy, Morse, Nelson, and Packard.

Mr. Tyler asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Morse for the day.

Mr. Andrus asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Nelson for the day.

Mr. Williams asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Packard for the day.

Mr. Jenney asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. McElroy for the day.

Mr. Rankin asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wm. Cook for the day.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on military affairs:

The committee on military affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to facilitate, or to provide for the incorporation of military companies, for certain purposes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, January 26, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate in compliance with their request, the following bill:

Senate bill No. 18, entitled

A bill to amend section 6406 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by section one of act No. 154, of the session laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment; and to also amend section 6407 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Baxter moved that the rules be suspended, and that the vote by which the bill was passed be reconsidered:

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was re-committed to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Mr. Williams in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 27, entitled

A bill to amend section 16 of chapter 213 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "The action of replevin."

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

2. Senate bill No. 28, entitled

A bill to amend section 4257 of the compiled laws of 1871, and act number 46 of the laws of 1875, approved March 20, 1875, to provide for recording patents of lands, and for other purposes ;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

F. R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the second named bill by the committee of the whole, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Senate and House committees on the University be and they are hereby authorized to sit during any recess of the Legislature until they have completed their labors.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate agreed to the amendment striking out from the original resolution the words "the recess of the Legislature from January 26 instant to February 5th next," and inserting in lieu thereof, "any recesses of the Legislature until they have completed their labors."

Which motion prevailed.

The question then being on agreeing to the amendment,

The same was not agreed to.

The concurrent resolution was then adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate went into executive session at 2:55 o'clock P. M.

The executive session closed at 3:45 P. M.

Mr. Tyler moved that the Senate adjourn ;

Which motion prevailed.

The President then announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Monday evening, February 5, at 8:30 o'clock.

Lansing, Monday, February 5, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

Roll called : a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, February 6, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. F. B. Bangs.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Shoemaker : Petition of Austin Blair and 150 other citizens of Jackson county, praying that there may be again submitted to the people at the next spring election an amendment to the constitution increasing the salaries of the Circuit Judges from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

Referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

By Mr. Baxter : Memorial of Wm. R. Montgomery to reorganize the State Board of Equalization.

Mr. Baxter moved that the memorial be printed in the journal ;

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the memorial :

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of Michigan :

The undersigned would respectfully pray that your Honorable body would so amend the law entitled "An act to provide for a State Board of Equalization" as that the Board which shall meet in 1881, and every tenth year thereafter, shall consist of the State Senators representing the *odd* numbered Senatorial Districts ; and that the Board which shall meet in the year 1886, and every tenth year thereafter, shall consist of the State Senators representing the *even* numbered districts.

By so doing you will organize a Board which will fairly represent every part of the State, and be composed of men of varied political proclivities.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Dated, City of Hillsdale, Michigan, Jan. 27, 1877.

WM. R. MONTGOMERY.

The memorial was referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Foote : Memorial from the board of supervisors of Saginaw county, relative to highway labor ;

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Redfield : Petition of Joseph Guyor, J. M. Sterling, and 30 others, citizens of Monroe county, asking for an amendment to the law relating to the killing of muskrats.

Mr. Redfield moved that the petition be printed in the journal ;

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the petition :

To the Honorable, the Legislature of the State of Michigan :

We, the undersigned owners of marsh property in the county of Monroe, do hereby most earnestly petition your honorable body to so amend the law relating to the killing of muskrats, that it shall read, "between the first day of March and the fifteenth day of April."

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Packard : Petition of P. B. Wright, M. D., John W. Markle, George

Hamacher, and 78 other citizens of Kent county, relative to an eclectic department in the State University.

Mr. Packard moved that the petition be printed in the journal.

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the petition:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

While we, the undersigned citizens of Kent county, deprecate the policy of State support to medical schools, we believe the claims of the different schools of medicine to State patronage to be equal, and would therefore respectfully petition your honorable body to either make appropriations for the maintenance of an Eclectic Medical Department in the State University, equal to those made for the Homeopathic Department, or to withdraw all support of the medical department of the University.

We do most earnestly protest against the injustice of the State sustaining, either by appropriations of money or by association with the University, one school of medicine to the exclusion of another;

Referred to the committee on public health.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of B. Osborn and 46 other citizens of St. Johns for an amendment to game laws;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Rankin: Petition of H. F. Douglas, J. A. Dunlap, E. M. Hovey, and 19 others, citizens of Fenton, Genesee county, Mich., asking for the passage of a law to protect the people of the State from charlatansry, incompetence and malpractice in Dentistry;

Referred to the committee on public health.

By Mr. Perrin: Remonstrance of Elsie Lodge 926, I. O. of G. T., against a modification of the present liquor tax law, so as to graduate amount of tax according to amount of liquors sold;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 79 of session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Railroads, and to define his powers and duties, and fix his compensation,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with an amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Normal School:

The committee on State Normal School, to whom was referred

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the State Normal School for the years 1877 and 1878,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

MARSDEN C. BURCH, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 26, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate relative to their request for the return of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Our chief clerk has been subpoenaed by the committee on elections of the House of Representatives of the United States congress, to appear forthwith before said committee, in the city of Washington; and

Whereas, Leave of absence has been granted said clerk, that he may comply with the request of said subpoena; therefore,

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Senate and House adjourn from Friday coming, January 26th, until Monday, February 5th, at 8:30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing the committees of the House and Senate to visit the State institutions upon which said committees have been appointed.

That the House failed to consent thereto.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Jan. 26, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That five hundred copies of the Legislative Manual of 1877 and 1878 be printed for the use of the Legislature;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The concurrent resolution was referred to the committee on printing.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 6, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the thanks of the Legislature be and the same are hereby tendered to Dr. R. C. Kedzie for the able, lucid, and practical presentation of the merits and defects of the present laws of the State for the inspection of illuminating oils, given to us in his lecture last evening, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication,

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Redfield gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for a register of probate for the county of Monroe.

Mr. Baxter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to reorganize and provide for a State board of equalization ;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 5249, 5375, 5431, 5432 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 96 of the sessions laws of 1875, relative to courts held by justices of the peace.

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7599 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to maliciously injuring houses and other buildings ;

Also,

A bill to legalize the formation of School District No. 8, of the township of Wakeshma.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal section 1, of chapter 10, of act No. 62, of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1st, 1875, being "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages."

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 12, of chapter 218 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 6923, relative to the fees of register of deeds in proceedings upon the redemption of real estate sold upon mortgage foreclosure ;

Also,

A bill to provide for the punishment of parents or guardians for brutal or inhuman treatment of their children or wards.

Mr. Tyler gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the board of control of the State swamp lands to make an appropriation to repair and reconstruct a part of the Cass River and Bay City State Road.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to change the name of Mark Anthony Greer to John Anthony Gordon ;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1790 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, relative to establishing water courses and locating ditches or drains;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 10 of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, being "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages."

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Foote, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the taxation of the business of manufacturing and selling spirituous or intoxicating, malt, brewed, fermented, or distilled liquors, and to repeal act No. 228 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act for the taxation of the business of manufacturing and selling spirituous and intoxicating, malt, brewed, or fermented liquors," approved May 3, 1875.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Morgan, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize cities, incorporated towns, and townships to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Adair, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the reduction of the capital stock of corporations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 27, entitled

A bill to amend section 16 of chapter 213 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled, "The action of replevin,"

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burch,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Packard,	Williams,

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to

Senate bill No. 28, entitled

A bill to amend section 4257 of the compiled laws of 1871, and act No. 46 of the session laws of 1875, approved March 20, 1875, to provide for recording patents of lands, and for other purposes,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. [Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Footo,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,				25

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,
Mr. Chamberlain in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

Senate joint resolution No. 4, entitled,

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain State school lands in Osceola county to James Sims, at the original price and upon the original terms provided by law for the sale of the same;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 31, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6443, entitled "Proceedings against garnishees;"

2. Senate bill No. 32, entitled

A bill to amend section 7700 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against chastity, morality and decency;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 29, entitled

A bill to amend section 254 of the compiled laws, being an act to establish the rate of fees to be charged by the Auditor General, for furnishing transcripts, lists, abstracts, and certificates.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. Senate bill No. 33, entitled

A bill to protect the lives of railroad passengers from casualties from fire.

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on railroads.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

5. Senate bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution and first and second named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the third named bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the fourth named bill was recommitted to the committee on railroads.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the fifth named bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate took a recess until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Burch: Remonstrance of Sextus N. Wilcox, and 160 others, against the passage of House bill No. 47, to repeal an act for the construction of a State road in Newaygo county;

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Burch: Petition of J. Alley, and 50 others, citizens of Newaygo county, in favor of the passage of House bill No. 47, to repeal an act for the constructing of a State road in Newaygo county;

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Morse: Petition of O. F. Wisner, N. Church, and 195 others, asking that the county drain law be so amended as to provide for the election of county drain commissioner;

Referred to committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of David Hollister and 93 others, citizens of Maple Rapids and vicinity, to amend the game laws;

Also: Petition of John Rogers, and 42 others, citizens of Owosso, for the same object, for amendment to the game laws;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Burleigh offered the following:

Resolved, That the various committees on State institutions be, and they are hereby requested at their earliest convenience to report to the Senate the various officers, professors, and employés, etc., of each public institution of this State, with the amount of salary of each;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 24 and 28, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31, 1871.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7781 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate joint resolution No. 4, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain State school lands in Osceola county to James Sims, at the original price and upon the original terms provided by law for the sale of the same,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 31, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6443, entitled "Proceedings against garnishees,"

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 32, entitled

A bill to amend section 7700 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against chastity, morality, and decency,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Chamberlain,	Freeman,	Packard,	Read,	
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Perrin,	Tyler,	
Wm. Cook,	McElroy,			14

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Burch,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Wilcox,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Osborn,	Williams,	
Burleigh,	Morse,	Shoemaker,		11

Mr. Perrin moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill;

Which motion did not prevail.

Senate bill No. 29, entitled

A bill to amend section 254 of the compiled laws, being an act to establish the rate of fees to be charged by the Auditor General, for furnishing transcripts, lists, abstracts, and certificates,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,				25

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Title agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Andrus in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

Senate bill No. 34, entitled

A bill to amend section 7590 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against property.

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 25, entitled

A bill to provide an annual appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan;

3. Senate bill No. 35, entitled

A bill to provide for or facilitate the incorporation of Military or Light Guard companies for certain purposes;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. Senate bill No. 18, entitled

A bill to amend section 6406 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by section 1, of act No. 154, of the session laws of 1875, relative to proceedings against debtors by attachment.

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be re-committed to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to report a substitute for the bill that shall require in attachment cases the county clerk for the proper county shall file with the register a certificate of the dissolution or determination of attachment lien.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

Senate joint resolution No. 5, entitled,

Joint resolution for the relief of Schuyler W. Ambler, county treasurer of Gratiot county,

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause in the first named bill.

The enacting clause was then laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the second and third named bills by the committee, and the bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee that the fourth named bill be recommitted to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to report a substitute, and the bill was so recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 7, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Clark.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Wm. Cook: Petition of Philo Gibbs, Z. P. Eslow, and 152 others, tax-payers of Calhoun county, asking that the law relating to taxation of the liquor traffic be so amended that the moneys collected by such tax be applied to the support of the county poor.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Baxter: Memorial of A. Dickerman, C. B. Dresser, Benjamin P. Shepard, and 15 others, citizens of Hillsdale county, urging the submission to the people of an amendment to the constitution increasing the salaries of circuit judges;

Also,

Memorial of H. H. Hatch, A. McDonnell, C. L. Collins, and 7 others, citizens of Bay county, for the same object.

Also,

Memorial of C. H. Brown, George Huggett, I. D. McCutcheon and 42 others, citizens of Eaton county, for the same object;

Also,

Memorial of T. J. Hough, A. N. Foote, Charles Graham and 30 others, citizens of Lenawee county, for the same object.

The memorials were referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

By Mr. Tyler: Petition of H. H. Hatch and 416 other citizens of Bay county, asking the Legislature to amend the township drain law, and to make such provisions for the relief of contractors and laborers as will be lawful and right;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Edsell: Petition of the president and trustees of the village of Wayland, Allegan county, praying that certain territory be detached from the corporate limits of said village.

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

By Mr. Packard: Petition of B. Sexton, William H. Taylor and 33 other residents of Kent county, relative to an eclectic medical department in the State University;

Also,

Petition of Henry C. King, Wm. H. Simpson and 22 other residents of Iosco county, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of M. D. Hamilton, M. D., M. H. Hamilton, M. D., William S. Williams, M. D., and 33 other residents of Genesee county, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on the University.

By Mr. Adair: Petition of P. W. Norris, Mark Butwell and 77 other voters in the township of Hamtramck, Wayne county, praying for the division of the township into two voting districts;

Also,

Petition of C. C. Walker, R. E. Walker and 65 others, for the same object. The petitions were referred to the committee on counties and townships.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on printing:

The committee on printing, to whom was referred the following House concurrent resolution,

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That five hundred copies of the Legislative Manual of 1877 and 1878 be printed for the use of the Legislature;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration; have ascertained that the expense of printing and binding the number of copies of the manual provided for in the resolution will be about \$500; and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. H. RANKIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Andrus,

The concurrent resolution was laid on the table.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill requiring railroad corporations to give thirty days' notice previous to increasing rates of freight,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Andrus gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill providing for more than one polling place in townships and wards of cities containing more than 500 voters.

Mr. Adair gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the construction of railways from mills and manufactories to other railroads, by corporations and individuals, and to provide for the organization of corporations for that purpose.

Mr. Wilcox gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to revise the laws providing for the registration of electors, and to provide for holding elections in certain cases.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution for the appointment of a special commission to prepare for submission to the next Legislature amendments of the laws relating to the as-

assessment and collection of taxes, and the forms, execution, and registration of conveyances.

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prevent the unlawful entry into any railroad freight car with intent to obtain carriage, etc.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1788 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, relative to establishing water courses and locating ditches or drains.

Mr. Morse gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for recording the pedigree of horses.

Mr. McElroy gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal section 1 of chapter 10 of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875.

Mr. Edsell gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1, of an act entitled an act to revise the charter of the village of Wayland, approved March 30, A. D. 1869, and to add a new section thereto, to stand as section 47;

Also,

A bill to provide for obtaining and publishing reports of banks, saving institutions and trust companies organized under State laws.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Baxter, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 5249, 5375, 5431, 5432 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 96 of the session laws of 1875, relative to courts held by justices of the peace;

Also,

A bill to reorganize and provide for a State board of equalization.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Reed, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to legalize the formation of School District No. 8, of the township of Wakeshma.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 24, and 28, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31, 1871.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7599 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to maliciously injuring houses and other buildings.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to change the name of Mark Anthony Greer to John Anthony Gordon.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Tyler, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the board of control of the State swamp lands to make an appropriation to repair and reconstruct a part of the Cass River and Bay City State Road.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 10, of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, being "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate joint resolution No. 5, entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of Schuyler W. Ambler, county treasurer of Gratiot county,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,			

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 25, entitled

A bill to provide an annual appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Andrus, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend

by striking out "and 1879," in line 2 of section 1; also by inserting "and" before the figures "1878;"

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morse,	Read,	27

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Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Waterbury,	3
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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Baxter moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to provide an appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan, for the years 1877 and 1878.

Which motion prevailed.

The title, as amended, was then agreed to.

Senate bill No. 35, entitled

A bill to provide for or facilitate the incorporation of Military or Light Guard companies for certain purposes,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams.
Wm. Cook,	Morse,		30

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Title agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Perrin in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, reported that they had made no progress, and asked to be discharged.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Osborn asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Breitung for an indefinite time.

Mr. Baxter moved to take from the table the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That five hundred copies of the Legislative Manual of 1877 and 1878 be printed for the use of the Legislature ;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The same was not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate took a recess until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

Mr. Redfield asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Tyler for the day.

Mr. Wm. Cook asked and obtained leave of absence for Senators Wm. Cook, Packard, and Adair, the committee on State Prison, for to-morrow.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Newcomb: Remonstrance of Lorenzo Brown, Wm. J. Mosher, M. B. Smith, J. R. Wirts, and 230 citizens of the village of Hudson, against the proposition to divert the liquor tax from its present use ;

Also,

Remonstrance of H. Streight, Asa Foster, Joel Carpenter, W. H. Drew, and 175 other citizens of Blissfield, to the same effect ;

Also,

Resolutions of the board of trustees of the village of Blissfield, to the same effect.

The remonstrances and resolutions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Petition of H. J. Sheldon, W. F. Rogers, and 23 others, asking that sections 2, 9, and 19, of act 279 of session laws of 1875, incorporating the village of Blissfield, be amended.

Also,

Memorial of committee appointed by the citizens and village board of the village of Blissfield, for the same object.

The petition and memorial were referred to the committee on cities and villages.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on banks and incorporations :

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the reduction of the capital stock of corporations,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSSELL, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,
The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.
The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole,
and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 4, and to repeal section 1 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes of 1846, being sections 7780 and 7777 of the compiled laws of 1871.

Mr. Foote gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 84 of chapter 6 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to holding general and special elections, the same being compiler's section 115.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 28, 29, 39, 47, 49 and 52, and to repeal sections 67 and 68 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ionia," approved March 21, 1873 ;

Also,

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, pertaining to the election of officers in the village of Portland, it being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Portland, Ionia county."

Mr. Osborn gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 18 of an act entitled, "An act to incorporate the village of Houghton," approved March 28, 1867.

Mr. Nelson gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 50 of an act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State prison, of the session laws of 1875 ;

Also,

A bill to regulate and govern the State house of correction.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 4738, 4739, 4740, and to repeal sections 4757 and 4758 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce ;

Also,

A bill to amend section 5231 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the probate courts.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,
The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, February 8, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Foote.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Edsell asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for an indefinite time after to-day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Packard: Petition of R. T. Lunn, and 40 other citizens of Montcalm county, relative to an eclectic medical department in the State University;

Referred to the committee on the University.

By Mr. McElroy: Petition of H. E. Hodgson, and 82 others, asking an amendment to the charter of the city of St. Clair, so that the city marshal shall be elected by the votes of the people;

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

By Mr. Rankin: Memorial of Wm. Hamilton, (Mayor,) Wm. B. McCreery, Jerome Eddy, Alexander McFarlan, Edward H. Thompson, Wm. L. Smith, F. W. Judd, Geo. M. Dewey, F. F. Hyatt, J. Brush Fenton, Wm. Stevenson, and 168 other citizens and tax-payers of the city of Flint, asking that the moneys raised under the law taxing the manufacture and sale of liquors, may not be disposed of otherwise than as now provided by law;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Michigan and Huron Institute' (now known as Kalamazoo College)," approved March 21, 1837.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report a substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend section six of an act entitled, "An act to amend an act to incorporate the Michigan and Huron Institute," being act No. 105, approved March 21, 1837,

Recommending that the substitute be adopted and do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Normal School:

The committee on State Normal School, to whom was referred a bill making appropriations for an additional building for the State Normal School, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and in the

discharge of their duties have visited the school at Ypsilanti, and that they have found the buildings there in such a condition as to call for something more than a mere formal report of the bill and recommendation of its passage. As the members of the Senate are many of them doubtless as unaware of the true state of the buildings as were your committee before their visit at the institution, it seems proper to briefly review its financial history.

The school was created by the legislature in 1849, and was placed under the control of the state board of education, consisting of three members, together with the Lieutenant Governor and superintendent of public instruction. Ten sections of salt spring lands were appropriated to start the school, and fifteen other sections were appropriated, to be converted by sale into an endowment fund. It became impossible to use the first ten sections for the purpose of starting the school, and the idea was given up, and the whole of the lands were consolidated for the endowment fund. This occurred in 1850, and the proceeds of the sale of these lands at this time have passed into the treasury of the State, the amount being about \$52,000, upon which the State pays interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, the money being applied to the current expense fund of the school. In addition to this sum of \$52,000, about \$8,000 were realized from the sale of these lands, which was used for the purpose of assisting to erect the main building, the remainder of the funds—being about \$12,000—used in the erection of this building, was contributed by the citizens of Ypsilanti, who also donated the grounds. This building was partially destroyed by fire in 1859, the brick walls mainly being left standing, and the insurance companies rebuilt the same instead of paying the amount named in the policies of insurance. That their labor was not performed in a very praiseworthy manner, your committee will hereinafter have occasion to show. The school lost in this fire, library, furniture, apparatus, furnaces, etc., to the amount of about \$6,000, a loss, which, judging from appearances, they have not since been able to repair by several thousand dollars. In 1864, with an idea of establishing an agricultural museum, the State agricultural society erected upon the school grounds the walls of a building for that purpose, at an outlay of \$3,000, but after it had remained in an unfinished state for some time, the State agricultural college was built, and the projected building for the museum was abandoned, and as it was about valueless to the agricultural society and there could be nothing else done with it but to tear it down, and as that might prove expensive, it was generously donated to the Normal school. This society no doubt considered that it was "blessed to give" and also "blessed to receive," as they soon afterward came to the legislature and asked and received \$3,000 cash for the building the society had so freely given to the Normal school. It required about \$7,500 to make these walls over into a building fitted for use, and this amount the legislature appropriated, and this amount was all the people of the State of Michigan ever gave for the purpose of erecting buildings for its State Normal school, all the rest having, as above shown, been donated by the government of the United States, in lands and by private citizens. This seems almost incredible when we consider that we appropriate from two to five times as much for heating and lighting apparatus for some of our other palatial institutions, and when we consider that such an amount would not pay for the foundation work of those fine buildings which we point out with so much pride, and yet it is a fact which can not be disputed truthfully.

Your committee have carefully examined these two buildings, and desire to urge some of the following observations upon you for grave and serious consid-

eration. The main building was not properly re-built after the fire. It is evident that the walls were quite badly cracked by the heat of the conflagration, and that the lumber used in the floors and ceilings was partially unseasoned, as the boards have drawn apart in many places. This renders the building cold and noisy. The rooms which were then no doubt divided to best possible advantage, and which were no doubt at that time as well proportioned to the size of classes as might be, are now wholly inadequate to the demands of the professors and students. They would in most cases be found inconvenient for single classes, but the faculty of the institution are compelled in the larger ones to have two or more classes reciting at the same time, and in the smaller ones to divide the classes into sections and lose time by repeating lectures and recitations. In the opinion of your committee, no such humiliating spectacle, so far as the State is concerned, can be seen in any other public institution in Michigan. Again the museum, or room sought to be used as such, is noteworthy. A few articles only can be exhibited, while for want of space, the major portion of the geological and other specimens, of which the institution has a large collection, are kept in boxes and stowed away in other ways as best they may be. The room used by the professor of natural sciences is so small and inconvenient as to arrest the attention of any casual visitor; the philosophical apparatus, though small in amount, can hardly be used for want of space, and that too is subject to the corrosive effect of chemicals, kept in what is termed the laboratory, at the other end of the room. Your committee have also been informed and have no reason to doubt, but rather have every reason to believe that the building is not altogether safe when large bodies of pupils are moving at the same time in the upper story. The foregoing are only a few of the details of which your committee became cognizant during their stay, and they beg leave to express their surprise that such a state of affairs have been so long allowed to exist, and that under so many difficulties the professors and teachers of this noble institution have been enabled to continue to keep it in the front rank of the Normal schools of the country; to increase continually the number of its students, and its sphere of usefulness. The bill which your committee have had under consideration contemplates a single act of justice, to wit: The repairing of the present building so that it may be used as a library, museum, and for such other light purposes as will not be inconsistent with its condition, and the building of an addition which will accommodate the classes in a proper and convenient manner. The sum named in the bill, in the opinion of your committee, is modest and low enough for the purpose.

It has been sometimes believed that the Normal School has outlived its time for usefulness, and that its former work is now done as well by the University and the graded schools of the State. This is sufficiently answered by the simple fact that from five to six hundred young ladies and gentlemen are annually availing themselves of its privileges to become the teachers of our schools; that they are sought in preference to any others as such teachers. It is obvious that mere book learning alone will not make a teacher; and it is a fact, that in addition to the mere routine work of classes and recitations, your committee were the pleased listeners to lectures, from competent professors, to the students upon subjects relative to teaching and its methods, which of necessity could not be given in ordinary schools; and also saw numerous classes being taught by the students of the institution in a most satisfactory manner, thus combining theory and practice as they could not be combined in any other than an institution of a kindred nature.

Your committee desire to make no arguments against any institution in the State, nor do they desire to check to any extent whatever that fostering care which the State has given its University, thereby enabling it to become a matter of just pride to all our citizens, but they do not deem it unfair to submit in favor of the Normal School the consideration that while the University takes care annually of between twelve and thirteen hundred students, the Normal School also takes care of from five to seven hundred, and while a large share of those in attendance upon the University are from other States, the students of the Normal School are our own children, and are there being educated for the benefit of our own children; and while of the students of the University probably not one in twenty-five remain in Michigan to impart as teachers that which by means of your liberality has been imparted to them, the students of the Normal School, though not filling such exalted stations, all go out to mould the minds and guide and direct the ideas of Michigan's children in the ways of intelligence, culture, and true manhood and womanhood. In view of these facts your committee are of the opinion that the bill which they have thus considered ought to pass, and they accordingly do so recommend, and ask to be further discharged from the consideration of the subject.

MARSDEN C. BURCH, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18, 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 154, of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7599, of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to maliciously injuring houses and other buildings,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 2 and 5, of article 14, and sections 2 and 3, of article 15, of act No. 290, of the session laws of 1867, being an act to incorporate the village of St. Johns,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on constitutional amendments:

The committee on constitutional amendments, to whom was referred

Joint resolution to amend Article VII. of the Constitution, relative to elections, by adding thereto a new section to stand as section 9 in regard to the qualification of voters;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on claims and public accounts.

The committee on claims and public accounts, to whom was referred a "joint resolution providing for the payment of the balances due on certain adjudicated claims," respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and find that a similar resolution was before the Senate in 1875, and that a full and exhaustive report which meets their approval was made by the committee on judiciary, who recommended the passage of the resolution. Your committee, therefore, consider it unnecessary to make a lengthy report, but beg leave to refer to said report made in 1875, to be found on pages 419 and 420 of the Senate Journal for that year, and have directed me to report the joint resolution back to the Senate without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 7, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 33 (printed No. 10), entitled

A bill to change the names of Agnes B. Frye, Francis W. Frye, Jennie M. Frye, Margaret S. Frye, Grace B. Frye, John E. Frye, and Hampton R. Frye, to the surname of Stephens;

2. House bill No. 58 (printed No. 21), entitled

A bill to legalize the special assessments and tax rolls of the village of Northfield, county of Wayne, for the years 1875 and 1876;

3. House bill No. 62 (printed No. 19), entitled

A bill to amend section 66 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ludington," approved March 22, 1873, the same being act No. 220 of the session laws of 1873,

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

The first and second named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 7, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 73 (printed No. 22), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 55, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1984, relating to the observance of the first day of the week;

2. House bill No. 7 (printed No. 27), entitled

A bill relative to the organization of the meetings of the Legislature;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on religious and benevolent societies.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Redfield gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to protect fish and preserve the fisheries of this State.

Mr. Osborn gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Houghton county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to improve that portion of the L'Anse bay and State line State road lying between the eastern boundary line of the village of Houghton and the line dividing the counties of Houghton and Baraga.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the protection and preservation of game.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 470 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local administrative, and legislative powers.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal sections 4757 and 4758 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce.

Mr. Wilcox gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 345 of the session laws of 1869 entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Rochester."

Mr. Morgan gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the safety of persons attending public assemblies.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Freeman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 28, 29, 39, 47, 49, and 52, and to repeal sections 67 and 68 of the act incorporating the city of Ionia, it being an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ionia," approved March 21, 1873.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to prevent the unlawful entry into any railroad freight car with intent to obtain carriage, etc.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on railroads.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 2, of chapter 215, of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to liens of mechanics.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Edsell, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 1, of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the village of Wayland," approved March 30, A. D. 1869, and to add a new section thereto, to stand as section 47.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. McElroy, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to repeal section 1, of chapter 10 of act No. 62, of the session laws of 1875.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Osborn, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 18 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Houghton, approved March 28, 1867.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Newcomb, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend "An act to incorporate the village of Blissfield," in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7781 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1788 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, relative to establishing water courses and locating ditches or drains.

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Foote, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 84 of chapter 6 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to holding general and special elections, the same being compiler's section 115.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on state affairs.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Waterbury in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

Senate bill No. 36, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 79 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of railroads, and to define his powers, duties, and fix his compensation,"

Have made an amendment thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the bill be further amended by striking out all of recited section 5 after the word "auditors," in line 3.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the further consideration of the bill be made the special order for to-morrow afternoon at half past three o'clock,

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called; a quorum present.

Absent without leave—Senators Jenney, Read, Shoemaker and Tyler.

Mr. Wilcox asked and obtained leave of absence for Senators Jenney, Read, and Shoemaker, the committee on agricultural college, for the day.

Mr. Burlleigh asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Tyler for the day.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on public health:

The committee on public health, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the registration of practicing physicians and surgeons,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. H. OSBORN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on religious and benevolent societies:

The committee on religious and benevolent societies, to whom was referred

House bill No. 73 (printed No. 22), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 55 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1984, relating to the observance of the first day of the week;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 49 (printed No. 18), entitled

A bill to amend sections twenty-three and forty-two of an act to incorporate the village of Hancock, approved March 19, 1875;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1, of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the village of Wayland," approved March 30, 1869, and to add a new section thereto to stand as section 47;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1, of chapter 10, of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages;

Also,

A bill to repeal section 1 of chapter X., of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that they do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first named bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The second, third, and fourth named bills were ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, February 8, 1877. }

To the Legislature:

I herewith submit a communication received from my predecessor in regard to an expenditure incurred in excess of the appropriation made by the Legislature of 1875, to defray expenses incident to an advantageous exhibit of the productions and industries of the State at the recent Centennial Exposition. The deficit, if provision is made for compensation to Messrs. Noble and Jacokes, will amount to about the sum of ten thousand dollars, and if on examination you shall deem it proper that it be paid by the State an appropriation for that purpose will be necessary.

I also lay before you the report of the State Board of Centennial Managers, together with the accompanying documents, consisting of a summary of the receipts and disbursements of the board, and the full special reports of Messrs. Noble, Jacokes, Brady, and Ilgenfritz. The work of the board seems to have been faithfully and carefully performed, and the show of our products and industries at the exhibition, although not by any means a full representation, a credit to our State, and a source of gratification to our people. I have no doubt this display has served to disseminate widely, better and more correct information than has obtained heretofore in regard to the capabilities and resources of Michigan. The report, I apprehend, will be found comprehensive and valuable, containing many suggestions, including a comparison and review of our educational system, with its application to skilled labor, worthy of thoughtful study and consideration. Without attempting any analysis of its statements or arguments, I respectfully submit it to you.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The following is the communication referred to:

HON. C. M. CROSWELL, *Governor*:

DEAR SIR,—In submitting the annexed report of the Centennial Board and their officers, I desire to say personally in regard to the debt created, that it was with the greatest reluctance that I consented to it, but I saw after my visit to Philadelphia before the opening, that it must inevitably occur, as we were called upon to do so many things that we had not looked for, and I felt that the State would be disgraced if, after having begun our work, we should fail to carry it through to a successful ending. I did not dare to say we should stop expenditure, close our exhibit and return home,—for these reasons, I advanced largely from my own means, and for these reasons I desire your approval and that of the Legislature. The opportunity offered by the exhibition to distribute to strangers from our own land and from abroad, useful information regarding our State, induced me (with the approval of the Board) to direct a compilation in pamphlet form, containing very full information regarding our resources, lands, products, climate, institutions, etc. Ten thousand copies were printed, nine thousand of which were distributed at Philadelphia, two thousand of them going to foreign lands.

I have had letters asking for them from nearly every State and Territory in the Union. The total cost was not quite \$2,000, and was paid from the Emigration fund. My first thought was to sell the book at its cost, but the total amount was so small that I afterwards deemed it best to distribute it gratuitously, believing it would pay us back an hundred fold in calling attention to our natural wealth, and in inducing emigration. Yours,

JNO. J. BAGLEY.

February 1st, 1877.

The following is the report of the Board of Centennial Managers referred to:
GOV. CHAS. M. CROSWELL:

DEAR SIR:—We beg leave to submit herewith our report relative to the part that Michigan took at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia during the past summer. In accordance with the provisions of act No. 139, laws of 1875, the Governor appointed J. J. Woodman of Van Buren, M. I. Mills of Wayne, Jay A. Hubbell of Houghton, and Henry Fralick of Kent, as members of the State Board of Centennial Managers. The Board met at the office of the Governor Aug. 13th, 1875, and appointed F. W. Noble of Detroit as

Secretary. The full details of the work of the Board and of the share of Michigan in the Exhibition will be found in the reports of the Secretary; Rev. Mr. Jacokes, who had charge of the Educational Department; Mr. S. Brady, who had charge of the mineral exhibit, and Mr. C. E. Ilgenfritz, who had charge of the Agricultural and Pomological Departments, all of which are submitted herewith.

The exhibit made by the Board of Managers consisted of the products of the State and comprised nearly 3,800 distinct specimens, 1,200 of which were varieties of woods and shrubs, over 1,100 of them being furnished by the Agricultural College. The college also furnished 210 specimens of grasses. We had 540 samples of wool, representing 42 counties; 500 specimens of grain and seeds; 475 specimens of copper, iron, and gypsum; 40 of salt and salt brine; several samples of building stone and slate; 370 archæological specimens of a prehistoric age. Our exhibit of fruit contained 475 distinct specimens.

Mr. Burnet Landreth, Superintendent of the Agricultural Department of the Exposition, said of this, in a letter to the Board: "Your show of fruit at all times exceeded that of any other State, and in the aggregate more than doubled the quantity sent from any other State, while the variety and quality was unexampled. The display of fruit alone was of incalculable value as a means of directing the thoughtful to the resources of Michigan."

The mineral display contained specimens from every mine on Lake Superior, four masses of native copper averaging five tons each, from the Central mine, and a fifteen ton mass of iron from the Cleveland mine, with several large masses of the conglomerate copper bearing rock of the Calumet and Hecla mine, being in the list. This display of the mineral wealth of Michigan brought many visitors from foreign countries to our mines during the past summer, all of whom expressed themselves as astonished at the peculiar character and great extent of the copper and iron deposits of the State, which we have heretofore, and perhaps now hardly realize ourselves. It is to be hoped that the exhibit made will be the means of still further developing the unknown wealth that lies buried on the shores of Lake Superior.

We also exhibited a most excellent drawing of our new Capitol, by E. E. Myers, its architect and superintendent, and of the House of Correction at Ionia, by Mortimer L. Smith & Co., its architects. Our Educational department contained examples of the school work of forty schools, accompanied by drawings of the school-buildings, copies of the blanks used, and other useful matter. A history and accompanying photographs of each one of our public institutions was sent forward. The Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind sent specimens of the work of its inmates. The University sent a fine case of chemicals, and a large collection of microscopic and engineering drawings. A full set of our Educational, Agricultural, and Pomological reports were furnished by the State Department. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. D. B. Briggs, devised and compiled five charts, showing at a glance the whole history, growth, and statistics of our school system. They were splendidly executed by J. E. Sherman, the draughtsman of the State Land Office.

Our Educational exhibit was not a glittering show of models and pictures, but was an honest exhibit of the solid work that is being done in our schools. The awards we received in this department testify to its character, being more in number than were given to any other State.

The Michigan Building was also entered as an exhibit of the products of the

State, being a characteristic display of our varied resources. About 70 individual exhibits were made by our manufactures, very many of them reflecting great credit upon the manufacturing industry of the State. Over 60 awards were made to the State and its citizens. One was given to each one of our collective exhibits in each department,—eleven were given in the Pomological department, eight to the Educational. Full details of the awards will be found in the report of the Secretary. The Board feel that taken as a whole, the State has reason to be well pleased with the exhibit made and the results achieved. It is to be regretted that more of our manufacturers did not avail themselves of the opportunity offered to display our industries, and that our citizens generally did not seem to realize (as the Board themselves did not) the magnitude of the exposition, the millions that were to visit it, and the opportunity it offered to show the world the wealth of a State not forty years of age.

Until our people began to visit the exposition there was a very general apathy among all classes on the subject, and it seemed next to impossible by circulars and letters, by personal solicitation and entreaty to wake them to a sense of their duty in the matter.

We received from Brazil, Spain, Portugal, and Australia, several hundred specimens of woods, minerals, grain, seeds, and other products which we have distributed to the University and Agricultural College, and a few duplicates to the Kent Co. and Detroit Scientific Institutes. We also received quite a collection of catalogues, maps, and printed matter, which has been divided between the State Library, University, and Agricultural College. The entire Educational exhibit, books, charts, pictures, etc., have been placed in the State Library. It is the intention of the Board to place the awards and medals there when received. The beautiful model of the Calumet and Hecla Stamp Mill, costing over \$12,000.00, was presented by the Mining Co. to the University, where it now is.

We submit herewith statement of receipts and expenditures in detail, showing a deficit in General Expenditures of \$4,460.04, and in the Building fund of \$4,135.38. Of this amount \$1,781.47 has been advanced by Mr. Noble, Secretary, and \$4,276.04 by Mr. Bagley, President, from their own funds, and the balance is due to sundry parties. All the bills and vouchers are in the hands of the Auditor General. Every thing has been done on the most economical basis. Only the Secretary and Mr. Brady were paid anything for services, and they only a small salary. We begged from our people their time and money, from our railroads and transportation companies free passes and free freight, from our producers samples of their products, and in fact made our exhibition almost an affair of charity. If we had been compelled to pay our own roads for passage and transportation, it alone would have almost used up the appropriation.

We found that instead of the Secretary and one Commissioner whom we had supposed would be sufficient to take charge of our exhibits at Philadelphia, that each department required the constant care and supervision of a competent person. We found that the space allotted us for each department was simply bare floor, and that cases, tables, etc., must all be furnished by the Board. Terminal charges and myriads of unforeseen expenses soon exhausted our appropriation. Had it not been for the Michigan Building, our expenses for board of employes would have been very much larger than it is. Some one of the Board was in

Philadelphia constantly. The assistance rendered to our own citizens who were visitors was very great. As will be seen by the statement of indebtedness none of the expenses of the members of the Board have yet been paid. The salary paid our Secretary, Mr. F. W. Noble, has not covered his expenses. Rev. D. C. Jacobes, who had charge of the Educational Department, has only been paid his expenses. The Board feel that both of these gentlemen deserve some further remuneration, and submit the matter to the Legislature for their consideration.

Over 31,000 of our citizens were registered as visitors at the Michigan building, a large number of whom expressed the hope that the Legislature would direct that the building be brought back to the State and preserved as a memento of the Centennial year and as an exhibit illustrating the varied resources of the State; and we believe the State would act wisely in so doing. From the slate on its roof to the stone of its foundations, it was constructed entirely of material produced in the State, and the excellent mechanism was the work of our own mechanics exclusively.

It could be made of most excellent service on the grounds of the University or Normal School. It is so constructed as to be readily taken down and rebuilt at not a very great cost.

Full details of the expense of its construction and a list of the contributors will be found in the financial exhibit. No portion of the State appropriation was used in its construction. In addition to the cash contributions, several car loads of lumber were donated by the citizens of Flint, Saginaw City, East Saginaw, Bay City, Muskegon, and other places. Many of the mechanics of Detroit and other places donated labor and materials. The munificent donation of the officers of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company, non-residents of the State, was peculiarly gratifying to the Board. It was accompanied with the following letter:

CALUMET AND HECLA MINING CO., EQUITABLE BUILDING, 67 MILK ST., }
BOSTON, May 23d, 1876. }

Hon. Jno. J. Bagley, Detroit, Mich.:

DEAR SIR—Your favor of the 19th, asking a donation from this Company in aid of your building fund for "Centennial" is at hand. Our President, Mr. Agassiz, is absent at the mine, so I laid your letter before our Directors, Messrs. Geo. Higginson, H. H. Hunnewell, and H. S. Russell, and they unanimously directed me to forward at once a check for the entire sum you are "short", so I herewith hand you check No. 165 of the Eliot National Bank upon the Continental National Bank of New York, endorsed to you for that amount, say \$1,500, which please accept, with the assurance that you have our best wishes with it. We are a Michigan corporation, and take a lively interest in whatever is conducive to the honor and welfare of that State. Very truly yours,
CHAS. W. SEABURY, Treas'r.

The Board have had the hearty coöperation of the officers of all our mining companies on Lake Superior, and of very many of our citizens, especially so of our fruit-growers—but to name them all is impossible. The State Pomological Society and the State Agricultural Society aided us beyond measure. The latter society paid the salary of Mr. Ilgenfritz, the superintendent of that department. The great interests of production could not be in better hands, and we owe our success in Philadelphia in a great degree to the members of these societies.

The press of the State aided us in every possible way, in gratuitously publishing circulars and information for exhibitors and in furnishing the building with papers.

Michigan may well feel proud of the part she took in the Exposition, and we may expect to reap from it new markets for our products, newcomers to our borders, and new ideas for our farmers, mechanics, and manufacturers.

JNO. J. BAGLEY,
M. I. MILLS,
J. J. WOODMAN,
HENRY FRALICK,
JAY A. HUBBELL,

State Board of Centennial Managers.

February 1st, 1877.

The following are the financial statements of the receipts and disbursements referred to above:

INDEBTEDNESS OF CENTENNIAL BOARD FOR GENERAL EXPENSES.

To John J. Bagley for cash advanced by him as per statement, No. 1.....	\$1,587 20
J. J. Woodman, balance expense acct., No. 2.....	121 51
M. I. Mills, balance expense acct., No. 3.....	152 00
H. Fralick, disbursements and expense acct., No. 4.....	204 07
Dean, Brow & Godfrey, No. 5.....	68 25
Detroit F. & M. Ins. Co., insurance, No. 6.....	60 00
Richmonds, Backus & Co., registers, No. 7.....	40 00
F. W. Noble, salary and expenses, No. 8.....	150 00
Calvert Lithographing Company, No. 9.....	60 35
E. B. Smith & Co., No. 10.....	25 00
F. W. Noble, expenses to Lansing, No. 11.....	19 55
F. W. Noble, disbursements, No. 12.....	1,414 37
H. Fralick, expenses to Lansing, No. 13.....	14 00
W. S. George & Co., printing, No. 14.....	412 78
J. J. Bagley, disbursements, No. 15.....	19 46
H. S. Fralick, services, No. 16.....	100 00
M. I. Mills, expenses to Lansing, No. 17.....	11 50
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	\$4,460 04

Vouchers in Auditor General's office.

INDEBTEDNESS OF BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Amount due F. W. Noble, advances as per sheet A.....	\$347 55
Amount due Jno. J. Bagley for advances as per sheet A.....	2,669 38
Julius Hess, balance for services.....	87 80
Isaac W. Ingersoll, for material and labor.....	314 56
H. George & Co., balance.....	75 16
Aaron Doane & Co., sundries.....	566 83
M. I. Mills, cash paid for bill hardware.....	48 97
Reid & Hills, labor.....	25 13
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Amount due on building.....	\$4,135 38
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Vouchers in Auditor General's office.

A.—MICHIGAN BUILDING IN ACCOUNT WITH STATE CENTENNIAL BOARD.

	CR.
Donation of Houghton county.....	\$467 99
“ “ J. A. Hubbell.....	99 75
“ “ citizens of Hudson.....	30 00
“ “ “ Holland.....	4 50
“ bal. of relief fund from the Gov.....	110 75

Donation of citizens of Lansing.....	\$162 67
“ “ “ Battle Creek.....	182 00
“ “ “ Lapeer.....	32 00
“ “ “ Grand Rapids.....	500 00
“ “ “ Ann Arbor.....	127 00
“ “ “ Ypsilanti.....	100 00
“ “ “ Kalamazoo.....	145 00
“ “ Calumet and Hecla Mining Co.....	1,500 00
“ “ Michigan residents, Washington, D. C.....	125 00
“ “ “ Philadelphia.....	24 00
“ “ Central Mining Company.....	138 78
“ “ employes Michigan Stove Works.....	77 81
“ “ Pullman Car Works.....	60 00
“ “ Detroit Stove Works.....	76 00
“ “ citizens of Marshall.....	100 00
“ “ employes of Am. Express Company.....	25 50
“ “ citizens of Port Huron.....	100 00
“ refunded.....	250 00
Goods sold in Philadelphia.....	84 50
Donation of citizens of Detroit.....	2,141 93
Am't advanced by F. W. Noble.....	347 55
“ “ J. J. Bagley.....	2,680 38
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	\$9,680 11

	Dr.
Paid H. George & Co., on acc't, No. 0.....	\$1,818 02
Julius Hess on acc't, 1.....	600 00
R. R. fare carpenters to Philadelphia, 2.....	80 04
F. W. Noble, disbursements, 3.....	8 95
Yarnell & Co., 4.....	16 50
E. Moore, for pay-roll, 5.....	226 00
“ “ “ 6.....	422 70
E. Davis, slate, 7.....	113 46
Claxton & Co., 8.....	1 50
G. I. Buchheiser, hardware, 9.....	29 57
Malcolm & Fanner, glass, 10.....	23 80
R. R. fare, carpenters' return, 11.....	16 30
Jno. Cliff, labor, 12.....	7 50
F. W. Noble, disbursements, 13.....	3 50
L. Lees & Co., 14.....	15 87
J. R. Rockwell, carpenter, 15.....	8 00
G. W. Bright & Co., 16.....	11 44
G. F. Gabel, 17.....	13 88
Pay-roll, E. S. Moon, 18.....	2,527 31
Sundry disbursements, 19, 20, 21.....	73 33
Pay-roll, 22.....	446 51
Slate and Mantel Co., 23.....	53 75
H. Belfield & Co., labor and material, 24.....	19 56
W. H. Buckner & Co., painting, 25.....	394 74
Cornelius & Co., 26.....	205 30
F. W. Noble, disbursements, 27.....	21 44
Gilman & Co., material, 28.....	108 16
C. Milliken, labor, 29.....	86 13
Stokes & Parish, labor, 30.....	3 09
Yarnell & Co., material, 31.....	40 85
Stanbridge & Barr, material, 32.....	138 24
Thomas & Co., glass, 33.....	16 10
F. Borchard, 34.....	275 00
I. C. Wallich, 35.....	30 00
Philip Churtie, 36.....	29 00
Hubbard & King, 37.....	166 53
C. Flack, 38.....	141 00
R. C. Falconer, 39.....	300 79
Steinfeld & Blitz, 40.....	122 17
E. Heubner, 41.....	168 00

Paid Paul Gies, 42.....	\$421 80
Spitzler Bros., 45.....	474 18
	<u>\$9,680 11</u>

Vouchers in Auditor General's Office.

STATE OF MICHIGAN TO CENTENNIAL BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Vouchers in hands of State Treasurer:

1875.				DR.
Sept. 1.	F. W. Noble for disbursements, No. 36,748.....			\$127 90
	“ “ “ salary “ “.....			50 00
Oct. 8.	“ “ “ “ “ 36,942.....			100 00
	“ “ “ disbursements, “ 36,943.....			25 10
Nov. 12.	“ “ “ salary “ 37,095.....			100 00
	“ “ “ disbursements, “ 37,096.....			99 68
Dec.	“ “ “ salary, “ 37,237.....			100 00
	J. A. Hubbell “ disbursements, “ 37,238.....			99 75
	“ “ “ “ “ 37,239.....			467 99
	F. W. Noble “ “ “ “ “.....			59 25
	“ “ “ “ “ “.....			93 82
1876.				
Jan.	“ “ “ salary, “ 37,383.....			100 00
	“ “ “ disbursements, “ “.....			365 95
Feb.	“ “ “ salary, “ 37,508.....			100 00
	“ “ “ disbursements, “ “.....			161 56
Mar.	“ “ “ salary, “ 37,629.....			100 00
	“ “ “ disbursements, “ “.....			50 00
	“ “ “ “ “ “.....			243 07
April	“ “ “ salary, “ 37,752.....			100 00
	“ “ “ disbursements, “ “.....			969 44
July	“ “ “ salary, “ 38,153.....			300 00
	“ “ “ disbursements, “ 38,154.....			362 38
	“ “ “ “ “ “.....			259 62
	“ “ “ “ “ “.....			989 65
	J. B. Angel for charts, educational, “ “.....			87 80
Sept.	F. W. Noble for salary, “ 38,407.....			200 00
	“ “ “ disbursements, “ 38,408.....			371 80
	J. J. Bagley, for “ “ 38,409.....			127 00
	Applegate & Fee, spirit of press “ 38,410.....			124 93
Oct.	F. W. Noble for disbursements, “ 38,587.....			170 84
	“ “ “ “ “ “.....			186 17
	H. Dale Adams, freights, “ “.....			78 10
	“ “ “ “ “ “.....			150 63
Nov.	F. W. Noble for salary, “ 38,718.....			200 00
	“ “ “ disbursements, “ 38,719.....			32 65
	“ “ “ “ “ “.....			320 50
	“ “ “ “ “ “.....			23 62
				<u>\$7,500 00</u>
				CR.
By amount vouchers paid by Auditor General.....				<u>\$7,500 00</u>

The message and accompanying communications were referred to the committee on State affairs.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 8, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 12 (printed No. 31), entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Carrolton to aid in the purchase or building of a bridge across the Saginaw river, to be thereafter maintained as a free bridge.

2. House bill No. 64 (printed No. 28), entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 4, of chapter 169, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's numbers 4721, and 4722, relative to intermarriage,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The second bills were read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State affairs.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Wilcox offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the House concurring), That one of the standing committees of the House and Senate, on any public institution of this State asking for an appropriation of money, shall include in its report a detailed statement of all expenditures connected with such institution for which such appropriation is asked, and such report shall be entered upon the journal, either of the House or of the Senate, and such committees as have omitted such statement in their report be asked to make a supplemental report including such statement.

Mr. Perrin moved to amend the concurrent resolution so that it should read as follows :

Resolved, That each committee reporting in favor of making appropriations shall make in a schedule, attached to its report, a detailed statement of all items entering into the proposed appropriation, which schedule of items shall not be printed, but shall be written out by the Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk and hung in some conspicuous place in the Senate Chamber, and that such appropriation shall not be acted upon by the Senate until at least three days after being so conspicuously hung in the Senate Chamber.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

Mr. Redfield called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Burleigh demanded the previous question.

The demand was supported and the main question ordered.

The concurrent resolution was then adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Rankin,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Newcomb,	Redfield,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Osborn,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,	Perrin,	Williams,	16

NAYS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Waterbury,	
Burch,	Freeman,	Taylor,		7

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 4738, 4739, and 4740 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 5231 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the probate courts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By unanimous consent, the committee on State Normal School submitted the following report:

The committee on State Normal School respectfully submit the following detailed report of estimated expenditures for State Normal School for each of the years 1877 and 1878:

SALARIES.

Principal	\$2,500
Director of model school	2,250
Five professors, \$2,000 each	10,000
Teacher of penmanship	450
Teacher of bookkeeping	200
Preceptress	1,000
Teacher of drawing and geography	800
Teacher of English grammar and rhetoric	900
Teacher of history and English literature	1,000
Teacher of grammar department of model school	600
Teacher of primary department of model school	500
Janitor	600
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	\$20,800

OTHER EXPENSES.

Library	\$600
Laboratory	500
Museum	500
Wood (250 cords)	1,150
Sawing and handling same	100
Gas	150
Apparatus for model school	100
Incidentals, catalogues, etc., stationery, postage, freight and express charges, expenses of Board of Education	600
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Total	\$24,500
Income from Normal School fund	\$4,200
Income from tuition fees	2,000
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	\$6,200

Appropriation required for each year \$18,300

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,
The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, February 9, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cooley.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: Petition of H. G. Wells, W. H. Cobb, and 220 other citizens of Kalamazoo county, for the enactment of a law against the trapping and netting of pigeons;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Packard: Petition of M. H. Hilliard, Jesse Hilliard, Chas. W. Lockwood, and 40 other residents of Hillsdale county, relative to an eclectic medical department in the State University;

Also,

Petition of J. W. Kermott, M. D., Jeremiah Godfrey, and 38 other citizens of Detroit, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on the University.

By Mr. Burch: Remonstrance of the President, Common Council, and 65 citizens of Read city, against the application of the saloon tax to the county poor fund;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Williams: Petition for the relief of Ashael Warner;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Tyler: Remonstrance of William B. Shaffer, and 100 other citizens of Bay county, remonstrating against the passage of any law prohibiting running deer with dogs;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. McElroy: Remonstrance of Henry Whiting, D. D. O'Dell, Wm. Black, and 33 others, against the enactment of any law changing the charter of the city of St. Clair, respecting the appointment of city marshal;

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

By Mr. Jenney: Petition of J. Douglass and 53 others, citizens of Romeo, Macomb county, for the passage of a law for the protection of the people of the State from the evils of charlatanry, incompetence, and malpractice in dentistry.

Referred to the committee on public health.

By the same: Petition of George C. Fletcher, William Canfield, and others, citizens of Macomb county, for the amendment of section 1 of act 84, of the session laws of 1851, approved April 4, 1851, entitled "An act to establish the township line between the townships of Harrison and Clinton, in the county of Macomb;"

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Tyler: Petition of A. R. McDonald and 62 other citizens of the eighteenth judicial circuit of this State, asking the Legislature to divide and reorganize the same into two circuits.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By the President: Resolution of Michigan State Grange relative to taxing bonds or notes and mortgages.

Referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on education and public schools,

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred a bill to legalize the formation of school district No. 8, of the township of Wakeshma,

Respectfully report that they have had the subject under consideration, and they find from the evidence laid before them that upon a petition of the legal voters of school district No. 1, of the township of Wakeshma, in the county of Kalamazoo, directed to the board of school inspectors of said township, praying for a division of said district, taking off a portion, so as to form a new district, and due notice having been given by the clerk of the time and place of meeting, to hear and determine upon the petition, to wit: on the 18th day of November, 1876, under a misconception of the law, as amended by the Legislature of 1875, there appeared and acted in good faith, as chairman of the board, the person elected as inspector in 1875, supposing the old law still in force, and that his term of office held for two years, and that he was legally chairman of the board. There was also present the school inspector elected and qualified in 1876, together with the clerk, and upon duly hearing the petition (there being no remonstrance) the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and a division of the district was made in accordance with the request.

Your committee are of the opinion that the acts of the board are all in conformity of law with the exception of the person acting as chairman. The law of 1875 provides that the township superintendent shall be chairman of the board, and the inspector shall hold his office but one year. But your committee are unanimous in their opinion, there being no question about two members of the board being legally qualified to act, and there being no division of sentiment in the action of the board, the vote of *the two legally* qualified members, being a majority of the board, would make their action equally legal and binding, as though the superintendent had been present as one of the board. Your committee therefore do not deem any action on the part of the Legislature necessary to legalize the formation of said school district No. 8, and have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend "An act to incorporate the village of Blissfield," in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on constitutional amendments:

The committee on constitutional amendments, to whom was referred a Joint resolution to amend section fifteen of Article XVIII., of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to a general revision of the laws,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of Act No. 27 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the approval of the official bonds of county officers by the board of supervisors;"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 2 of chapter 215 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 6790, relative to the lien of mechanics and others;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 33 (printed No. 10), entitled

A bill to change the names of Agnes B. Frye, Francis W. Frye, Jennie M. Frye, Margaret S. Frye, Grace B. Frye, Agnes J. Frye, John E. Frye, and Hampton R. Frye, to the surname of Stephens;

Respectfully report that they have the same under consideration, and have

directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on enrolled bills:

The committee on enrolled bills, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, and defining the duties and compensation of the same,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bill to the Governor, under the rules:

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, and defining the duties and compensation of the same.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, February 8, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, and defining the duties and compensation of the same;

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 8, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to re-transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 27, entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of seats in theatres, concert or lecture halls, and other places of public entertainment;

Which the Senate amended, as shown by their return message, as follows:

1st, By inserting after the word "one," in line line 5 of section 1, the word "half,"

2d. By inserting after the word "marked," in line 3 of section 2, the word "or;"

3d. By striking out after the word "designated," in line 3 of section 2, the word "or," and inserting "as" in lieu thereof;

And to inform the Senate that in such amendments the House have non-concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the Senate recede from the above named amendments to the bill;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS,

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Andrus,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Baxter,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	Morse,	Rankin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Nelson,			22

NAYS.

Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Redfield,	
Jenney,				5

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act number 82 of the session laws of 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively.

Mr. Newcomb gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office, or other proper officer, to convey the south half of the south-east quarter of section sixteen in township number seven south of range six east to Johannes A. Lefever, assignee of primary school land certificate number seven thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine.

Mr. Burch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section five of chapter five of act number sixty-two of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages."

Also,

A bill to provide for the erection of a bridge across the Muskegon river upon the Big Rapids and Grand Rapids State road, in the county of Mecosta.

Mr. Osborn gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Michigamme," approved April 27, 1875.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7445 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of constables in civil cases.

Mr. Packard gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making appropriations for the institution for educating the deaf and dumb, and the blind, for the years 1877 and 1878.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Burleigh, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill for the protection and preservation of game.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Morse, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for recording the pedigree of horses.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Redfield, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to protect fish and preserve the fisheries of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on fisheries.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 470 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local administrative, and legislative powers;

Also,

A bill to repeal sections 4757 and 4758 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce.

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Osborn, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Houghton county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to improve that portion of the L'Anse bay and State line State road lying between the eastern boundary line of the village of Houghton and the line dividing the counties of Houghton and Baraga.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 4 and to repeal section 1 of chapter 40, of the revised statutes of 1846, being sections 7780 and 7777 of the compiled laws of 1871.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Freeman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, pertain-

ing to the election of officers in the village of Portland, it being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Portland, Ionia county."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Morgan, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the safety of persons attending public assemblies.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

GENERAL ORDER. .

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate went into committee of the whole, on the general order,

Mr. Tyler in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

House bill No. 49 (printed No. 18), entitled

A bill to amend sections 23 and 42 of an act to incorporate the village of Hancock, the same being act No. 274 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Hancock," approved March 19th, 1875,

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on cities and villages.

C. V. TYLER, *Chairman*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. D. R. Cook asked and obtained leave of absence for the afternoon for the committee on the State Reform School, consisting of Senators D. R. Cook, Perrin and Markey.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Shoemaker: Memorial and resolution of the Horse Fair Association of the State of Michigan, asking for the repeal of any statutes which make it unlawful to give premiums to horses wholly for speed.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary to whom was referred

House bill No. 58, printed No. 21, entitled

A bill to legalize the special assessments and tax rolls of the village of Northville, county of Wayne, for the years 1875 and 1876;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 5231 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to probate courts;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on supplies and miscellaneous expenses of the Senate:

The committee on supplies and miscellaneous expenses of the Senate, report the accompanying bill of F. C. Carr for \$3.10 for labor done and material furnished under direction of the Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, which they have had under consideration, and directed me to report the same to the Senate, and recommend its allowance, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The recommendation of the committee was concurred in, and the Secretary instructed to issue a certificate for the payment of the bill.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 12 (printed No. 31), entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Carrollton to aid in the purchase or building a bridge across the Saginaw river, to be thereafter maintained as a free bridge,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment.

and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, February 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill: Senate bill No. 11, entitled

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871 relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages,

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same as follows:

1. By striking out of recited section 45, commencing in line 7, the words "and that the estate of said mortgagee or assignee has no legal representatives," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and that at least three months have elapsed since the death of the deceased, and that the names and residences of the legal representatives, if any there are, of the mortgagee or assignee, are unknown to the petitioner;"

2. By adding to the end of the section the following: "such certificate may be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of any county where the lands described in the mortgage are situated, in a book to be provided by such register, at the expense of the county; such record shall have the same effect as evidence and notice as the record of deeds and mortgages;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the bill be referred to the committee on the judiciary;

Which motion prevailed.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, Feb. 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No 16, entitled

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being sections 5180 and 5181 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the courts of chancery;

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same as follows:

1. Amend recited section 144, line six, by striking out the word "payment" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "performance."

2. Amend same section, line 16, by striking out the words "or any justice thereof at chambers."

3. Amend recited section 145, line five, strike out the words "as provided for," and insert in lieu thereof the words "within the time above limited therefor."

In the passage of which as thus amended the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Wilcox moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

Which motion prevailed.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the thanks of the Senate and House of Representatives are hereby tendered to J. E. Sherman, Esq., draughtsman of the State Land Office, for the drafting of a map of the Congressional, Senatorial, Representative and judicial districts of this State, and placing the same in the Capitol building for the use and benefit of the members of this Legislature, as we find the same of much use and benefit as a matter or means of reference.

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the Senate concur in the adopting of the concurrent resolution,

Which motion prevailed.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 7, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, that the present is an opportune time for the resumption of specie payments and redemption by the government of its treasury notes; that the experience of the past has demonstrated that the people "desire to return to specie payment," and that the demands of the business of the country, which is fast assuming so healthful and reliable a condition as to warrant the belief that the future is full of promise, are imperative that the representative of values, viz., the money of the country, shall not be worth less than the money of the world. Values have touched a gold basis, all shrinkage has been suffered, liabilities have, through bankruptcies and settlements, to a

large extent been liquidated, and confidence in the ability of the government to resume, and that only good results would follow, has grown into absolute belief.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their best efforts to secure the necessary legislation to this end.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress;

Which has passed the House.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. McElroy moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. Perrin moved that the concurrent resolution be laid on the table.

Mr. Chamberlain called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to lay the concurrent resolution on the table was then adopted by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Perrin,	
Baxter,	Footé,	Newcomb,	Read,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Packard,		15

NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Wilcox,	
Burch,	Morse,	Shoemaker,	Williams,	
McElroy,	Rankin,	Tyler,		11

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the support and maintenance of the school of mines in the University of Michigan, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to organize a school of mines in the University of Michigan, the establishment of additional professorships, and making appropriations for maintenance of the same."

Mr. Andrus gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7980 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to inquests, being section 11 of chapter 167 of the revised statutes of 1846;

Also,

A bill making appropriations for the expenses of the State officers and State government, and providing a tax to defray the same for the years 1877 and 1878.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7693 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against chastity, morality, and decency;

Also,

A bill to amend section 2952 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to life insurance companies transacting business within this State.

Mr. Wilcox asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for the day.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A joint resolution for the appointment of a special commission to prepare for submission to the next Legislature, amendments of the laws relating to the assessment and collection of taxes, and the forms, execution, and registration of conveyances.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 4738, 4739, 4740 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Nelson asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate adjourned.



Lansing, Saturday, February 10, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ferris.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Burleigh asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Tyler for the day.

Mr. Chamberlain asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for the day.

Mr. Chamberlain asked and obtained leave of absence for Senators Tyler, Chamberlain and Nelson, the committee on fisheries, for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Shoemaker asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wilcox for the day, upon committee business.

Mr. Newcomb asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for to-day and Monday.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. D. R. Cook: Petition of C. A. Hough, W. H. Lee, A. W. Miller

and fifty others, relative to a law to prevent the hounding of deer with dogs, and to extend the time of hunting the same to the 1st day of January.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Packard: Petition of C. O. Frazier, C. H. Barker and 98 other residents of Deerfield, Van Buren county, asking that the name of their township be changed from Deerfield to Covert.

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7781 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 4, and to repeal section 1 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes of 1846, being sections 7780 and 7777 of the compiled laws of 1871;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 24 and 28, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31, 1871;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

An act to prevent the unlawful entry into any railroad freight car with intent to obtain carriage, etc. ;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was recommitted

Senate bill No. 33, entitled

A bill to protect the lives of railroad passengers from casualties by fire,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered re-printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to change the name of Mark Anthony Greer to John Anthony Gordon,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

The message of the Governor transmitting the report of the centennial commission with accompanying documents,

Respectfully report that they find among those documents the report of the secretary of the commission, F. W. Noble, which, in the opinion of your committee, contains important information in regard to the work of the commission,

and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same be published in the journal.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the report of Secretary Noble was ordered printed in the journal.

The following is the report referred to :

DETROIT, January 15, 1877.

Gov. J. J. Bagley, President and member of the Michigan State Centennial Board of Managers :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor herewith to present my report covering the action of your Board from the date of its organization, Aug. 13, 1875, to the present time.

In preparing this report I consider it important and proper to confine myself closely to the facts as of essential importance, as indicating the inception, progress, and results of this great enterprise. It will embrace all that is required to make the reader thoroughly acquainted with the extent, character, and importance of our exhibition.

While some departments have no special reports, others have, which will be found to contain a vast amount of valuable information which is of great interest, and will prove of value, not only to our own citizens, but to the whole country. It will contain brief mention under the respective heads of each department, the nature of the exhibit, leaving the detail to the Superintendents of the departments in their reports, which will accompany this, and to which I call your attention: Catalogues of exhibits and names of exhibitors, catalogues of articles received in exchange for our products from foreign countries and other sources, and the distribution made of the same by your Board; copies of the awards to the collective and individual exhibits, showing the particular merit each possessed.

It is very gratifying to be able to say Michigan has acted well her part in this great International Centennial Exhibition, and will gather her reward as the bountiful harvest is gathered when ripe. Some of the results of her exhibition have already taken root, by the increased interest manifested in foreign countries as well as in our own; international judges, foreign correspondents, agents from all points have taken much interest in Michigan and her resources, her climate and geographical position. As these various reports go abroad, they kindle an interest in matters pertaining thereto hitherto unknown. The great aim of the exhibition has been achieved. It has exalted the taste of those for whose welfare it was created; it has brought together the representatives of all nations who have come here to educate and be educated. All have profited by it; the bond of brotherhood is more strongly cemented, a new era is instituted, new channels are opened to trade, and all tend to our mutual benefit and future prosperity.

Greater than all these advantages which we have derived from this exhibition, are those which ought to come from the education which the people receive in their contact with the citizens and products from all nations and all parts of the world, and in the practical demonstration which has been made of our capacity to maintain a high metropolitan position in all our domestic and foreign

relations. Our artisans, professional men and all other intelligent classes, have had a rare opportunity for comparison and conference with the best representatives of their own class from foreign countries. They have been able to rectify many errors, to dispel many prejudices, to acquire much priceless information, to enlarge their acquaintance in a wonderful degree, and out of all this, art, science and industry as it exists in this country, must receive an impetus and develop a growth that will benefit the entire community beyond our present power to calculate. It has shown to us our present greatness, our own capabilities; by comparison with each other it places us where "we can see ourselves as others see us." It will be our own fault if we fail to profit by this experience and secure to ourselves the benefits arising from this exhibition.

Michigan has contributed largely to the success of the exhibition, and it may be asked, what has she done to profit herself by the exhibit of her resources, etc. We show clearly and certainly in some classes of our resources we have almost a monopoly, and that our success in the future depends on the united co-operation of capital and labor, and this end we should all use our best endeavors to accomplish, and thus secure our share of the advantages offered us. If we now sit idly by and let the lessons taught us by this exhibition go for naught, our sister States and other countries who possess similar products to ours, acting more wisely, may step in before us and reap the harvest that has been sown for us, and the rich inheritance bequeathed us by nature may slip gradually beyond our reach.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. W. NOBLE, *Secretary.*

By the committee on railroads and public lands, jointly:

The committee on railroads and public lands of both Houses, having jointly considered that portion of ex-Governor Bagley's Message referring to the land granted by the State to the Menominee River Railroad Company, to aid in the construction of portions of such railroad (see ex-Gov. Bagley's message, p. 23) instructed us to report that they find that by act No. 227 of the session laws of 1875 there was granted lands to the extent of seven sections of the swamp lands belonging to the State, per mile of said railroad to be so constructed, to be selected from the vacant and unreserved State swamp lands belonging to the State, in the counties of Menominee and Delta, for the construction of that portion of said railroad from Escanaba, Delta county, to the north line of Menominee county. That under said grant a company was organized, accepting the provisions of the grant as required by said act, and that their articles of association were filed with the Secretary of State February 16, 1875, and their acceptance of the provisions of the said act of 1875 was filed May 12, 1875. They have actually surveyed and adopted their line of railroad in part on the route indicated; but, owing to the failure of said company to construct ten (10) miles of said road within the time specified in said act, the grant has reverted to the people of the State of Michigan. It appears that said road presents many difficulties of construction, with heavy cuts and fills, and a part being through swamps in which work is impracticable except in the winter season, and on account of its inaccessibility, and with no cultivation along the line, it presents obstacles which are seldom met with in building railroads.

The said company, your committee are credibly informed, have made every effort to comply with the provisions of the act of 1875, but have been unsuccessful from causes seemingly beyond the control of said company, the depres-

sion of the money market and many unforeseen obstacles arising rendering the completion of the number of miles required to be completed impracticable within the time specified in the act.

Your committee have good reason to believe that, notwithstanding these obstacles, the said company have continued their efforts in good faith to construct their road, and have at the present time about five (5) miles of track laid and a large force of men at work in grading and other preparatory work on about seventeen (17) miles of the line. Your committee are satisfied of the *bona fide* intention and purpose of said present company to complete the road without further interruption and with as little delay as possible. Your committee are also satisfied that the interest of the State will be promoted by extending the time for the completion of the road. Such road would open to civilization and develop the resources of a portion of the State hitherto unproductive. That act No. 227 of the session laws of 1875 under which said grant was made is not satisfactory to your committee, as in their opinion it does not express with sufficient certainty what kind of a road the company are required to build. It has been stated that it is the purpose of said company to build a first-class standard railroad. If such be their intention, your committee would respectfully recommend that the benefits and provisions embodied in the act of 1875 making the grant to said company, be renewed and extended for a term of two years; requiring, however, that the said company shall construct the first twenty miles of road before the 1st day of January, 1878 (instead of ten miles as in the original act provided), and that proper restrictions and safeguards be thrown around the grant, so as to protect the interest of and on the completion to insure a permanent benefit to the State by the construction of said road.

Your committees ask to be discharged from the further consideration of that portion of said message.

W. J. BAXTER,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

J. C. WATERBURY,

Chairman Committee on Public Lands.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following:
Senate bill No. 23, entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books for the State Library;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 35 (printed No. 3), entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of lodges of Knights of Pythias;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following joint resolutions:

1. House joint resolution No. 3 (printed No. 1), entitled

Joint resolution amending joint resolution No. 37, of session laws of 1875, "authorizing the Board of State Auditors to audit and pay the claims of the non-commissioned officers and musicians of the 5th, 6th, and 7th regiments of Michigan volunteer infantry for services rendered in the month of August, 1861."

2. House joint resolution No. 5 (printed No. 3), entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a lighthouse on the point of Little Traverse harbor, in the county of Emmet, Michigan;

3. House joint resolution No. 8 (printed No. 2), entitled

Joint resolution relative to fisheries in waters within the jurisdiction in part of different states and the British provinces;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

The second named joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on canals, and river and harbor improvements.

The third named joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on fisheries.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Wm. Cook gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 4 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the public

schools in the city of Battle Creek," approved March 17, 1871, being act No. 490 of the session laws of 1871, and to add three new sections thereto.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 5545 of the compiled laws of 1871, [relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace.

Mr. Packard gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to change the name of the township of Deerfield, in Van Buren county, from Deerfield to Covert.

Mr. Rankin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the relief of certain officers of the 10th regiment Michigan volunteer infantry.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill establishing the time for fixing the salaries of county officers.

Also,

A bill to amend section 7806 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to general provisions concerning crimes and punishments.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Redfield, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for an assistant to the State Librarian, and for the expense of removal of said library to the rooms designed therefor in the new capitol quilding.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State library.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 2952 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to life insurance companies transacting business within this State;

Also,

A bill to amend section 7445 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of constables in civil cases;

Also,

A bill to amend section 7693 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against chastity, morality and decency.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on insurance.

The second bills were read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Osborn, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Michigamme," approved April 27, 1875.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide the form of deeds and mortgages.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Andrus, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7980 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to inquests, being section 11 of chapter 167 of the revised statutes of 1846;

Also,

A bill making appropriations for the expenses of the State officers and State government, and providing a tax to defray the same for the years 1877 and 1878.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Mr. Morse moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 12 (printed No. 31), entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Carrolton to aid in the purchase or building of a bridge across the Saginaw river, to be thereafter maintained as a free bridge.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Freeman in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 40, entitled

A bill to amend section six of an act entitled, "An act to incorporate the Michigan and Huron Institute," approved March 21, 1837, being act number 105,

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on education and public schools.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 42, entitled

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7599 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to maliciously injuring houses and other buildings, etc.;

3. House bill No. 58 (G. O. No. 21), entitled

A bill to legalize the special assessments and tax rolls of the village of Northville, county of Wayne, for the years 1875 and 1876;

4. House bill No. 73 (G. O. No. 22), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 55, of compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1984, relating to the observance of the first day of the week,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

5. Senate bill No. 37, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the State Normal School;

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate and ask leave to sit again.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee and the first named bill was recommitted to the committee on education and public schools.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the second, third and fourth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

Leave was granted to the committee to sit again for the consideration of the fifth named bill.

On motion of Mr. Foote,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the Secretary in the absence of the President, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

Roll called: quorum present.

Mr. Baxter moved that Senator Adair take the chair as acting President *pro tem.*;

Which motion prevailed, and Senator Adair entered upon the discharge of the duties of acting President *pro tem.*

Mr. Morse asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Burleigh for the day.

Mr. Read asked and obtained leave of absence for Messrs. Rankin and Wm. Cook for the day.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on enrolled bills:

The committee on enrolled bills, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the purchase of books for the State Library,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 62 (printed No. 19), entitled

A bill to amend section 66 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ludington," approved March 22, 1873, the same being act No. 220 of the session laws of 1873;

Also,

A bill to amend section 18 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Houghton," approved March 28th 1867,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that they do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first named bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The second named bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was recommitted

Senate bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being sections 5180 and 5181 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to courts of chancery;

Which the House amended as follows:

1. By striking out the word "payment," in line 6 of recited section 144, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "performance."

2. By striking out in line 16, of same section, the words "or any justice at chambers."

3. By striking out in line 5, of recited section 144, the words "as provided for," and insert in lieu thereof the words "within the time above limited therefor."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the Senate concur in said amendments, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made to the bill by the House, the same were concurred in, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,
Andrus,
Baxter,

Mr. Foote,
Freeman,
Jenney,

Mr. Morgan,
Morse,
Osborn,

Mr. Read,
Redfield,
Taylor,

Mr. Breitung, Burch, D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey, McElroy,	Mr. Packard, Perrin,	Mr. Waterbury, Wilcox,	21
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NAYS.

Mr. Williams, 1
 Pending the announcement of the vote,
 Mr. Waterbury moved that Mr. Williams be excused from voting;
 Which motion did not prevail.
 Mr. Williams then voted as recorded above.
 The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bill to the Governor under the rules:

A bill to provide for the purchase of books for the State Library.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 10, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

An act to provide for the purchase of books for the State Library.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM STATE OFFICERS.

The President announced the following:

STATE DEPARTMENT MICHIGAN, }
 SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
 Lansing, February 8, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 23d ult., I have the honor to transmit a list of the corporations in this State, organized under the act of February 5, 1853, and the several acts supplementary thereto, and amendatory thereof, giving name, location of business offices, the counties in which the business is carried on, and the kinds of business, as shown by the articles of association on file in this office.

Very respectfully,

WM. CROSBY,
Dep. Sec. of State.

The following is the list accompanying the communication:

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICES.
Algomah copper co.....	Boston and mines.....
Arctic mining co.....	Detroit.....
Allouez mining co.....	New York and mines.....
Albany and Boston mining co.....	New York and mines.....
Amygdaloid mining co. of Lake Superior.....	Philadelphia and mines.....
Atlantic salt co.....	Bay City.....
Aztec mining co. of Lake Superior.....	Boston and mines.....
Atlas mining co.....	Boston and mines.....
Adventure mining co. of Lake Superior.....	Pittsburgh, Pa., and mines.....
Etna mining co.....	Philadelphia and mines.....
Agawam silver mining co.....	Marquette.....
Adventure copper co.....	Township of Greenland, of Ontonagon Co.....
Adventure copper mining co.....	At mine.....
Astor mining co.....	Boston and mines near Eagle River, Keweenaw county.....
Alcona mining co. of Michigan.....	Philadelphia, Pa., and mines.....
American gold and silver lead mining co.....	Village of Houghton.....
Arcadian copper co.....	New York city and mines.....
Argentina mining co.....	New York city and village of Houghton.....
Arnold mining co.....	Boston and mines.....
American mining co.....	Pittsburgh, Pa., and mines.....
Albany City salt manufacturing co.....	Albany, New York, and Bridgeport, Mich.....
Active copper co.....	Boston and mines.....
Agricultural and broom handle man'g co.....
Agawam mining co.....	Boston and Houghton.....
Amherst, O., building stone co.....	Detroit and N. Y. City.....
Adrian brick and tile co.....	Adrian.....
Au Sauble lumber and shingle co.....	East Saginaw.....
Adrian cheese manufacturing co.....	Adrian.....
Adrian paper mill co.....	Adrian.....
Amethyst harbor silver mining co.....	Detroit.....
American plate glass co. of the city of De- troit, State of Michigan.....	Detroit.....
Atlantic mining co.....	N. Y. city and mines.....
Ancient pit copper co.....	N. Y. city and village of Houghton.....
American cigar co.....	Coldwater.....
Andrews iron co.....	Marquette, and Youngstown, Ohio.....
Argentine silver mining co.....	Marquette.....
Allegan manufacturing co.....
American edge tool co. of the city of Battle Creek, Mich.....	Battle Creek.....
Allegan car co.....	Allegan.....
American iron mining co. of Michigan.....	Marquette, Mich., and Cleveland, Ohio.....
Alden fruit preserving co. of Sturgis.....	Sturgis.....
Austin, Tomlinson & Webster manuf. co.....	Jackson.....
Alpena lumber co.....	Detroit.....
Alpena salt and lumber co. of Bay Pt., Mich.....	Bay Port.....
Atlantic iron co.....	Township of Negaunee.....
Adams & Westlake manuf. co.....	Muskegon.....
Atlas silver mining co.....	Negaunee.....
Bay State mining co.....	At mines.....
Bluff mining co. of Michigan.....	At mines.....
Boston mining co.....	At mines.....
Boston and lake superior consolidat. min. co.....	New York city.....
Bushwick land and manuf. co.....	Shlawassee township and New York city.....

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Ontonagon.....	Mining of copper, iron and silver minerals and ores.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and refining of copper and copper ore and other metals and metallic ores.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper or other ores or minerals, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper or other ores or minerals, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
Bay.....	Manufacturing salt, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver and other minerals and ores.
Keweenaw.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver and other ores and minerals.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
Keweenaw.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting and refining of silver and silver ore, and of other metals and metallic ores.
Upper Peninsula.....	Mining or producing copper or other ores or minerals.
Ontonagon.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver and other minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver and other minerals and ores.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
.....	Mining, smelting and refining of gold, silver, and their ores, and other metals and metallic ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
Lake Superior Mining Dist.....	Mining, smelting and refining of copper and mineral ore and other metals and metallic ores.
Keweenaw.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver and other ores and minerals.
Keweenaw.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
Saginaw.....	Manufacture of salt.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other minerals and ores.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing of various forms of handles for agricultural implements, brooms, and other like articles.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper and copper ores, and smelting the same.
.....	Quarrying, manufacturing into commercial form, and marketing of the rock or stone situated upon property of association, at or near Amherst, Ohio.
Lenawee.....	Manufacture, sell, and dispose of brick and tile.
Iosco.....	Manufacture of lumber, timber, shingles, and salt, and buying and selling pine and timber lands appertaining to said business.
Lenawee.....	Manufacture of butter, cheese, etc.
Lenawee.....	Manufacturing and dealing in paper.
.....	Mining and working silver or other ores and minerals.
Jefferson county, Mo.....	{ Manufacturing and selling plate and other kinds of glass in Jefferson county, Mo.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores, metals, and minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other ores and minerals.
Branch.....	Making cigars, manufacturing tobacco, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining and smelting iron ore and the manufacture of iron.
Marquette and Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, transporting, and selling silver or other ores or minerals.
Allegan.....	Manufacture of Messenger fanning mills, milk safes, etc.
Calhoun.....	{ Manufacture and sale of edge tools and other articles made from iron and steel.
Allegan.....	Manufacturing railroad cars, and all other manufacturing pertaining thereto.
Houghton.....	Mining and smelting ores and metals, manufacturing articles of merchandise, etc.
St. Joseph.....	Buying, selling, and preserving vegetable and animal substances, etc.
Jackson.....	Manufacturing and repairing wagons, carts, sleighs, carriages, etc., and making boxes for packing goods, etc.
Alpena.....	Manufacture of lumber and salt.
Huron and other Counties.....	General lumbering.
Marquette.....	Mining iron ore, and smelting and manufacturing iron and steel.
City of Chicago for the most part...	Tin ware, lanterns, brass goods, locomotive head lights, house furnishing goods, stove plate forms, railroad supplies, etc.
Marquette & Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, transporting, and selling iron, silver, copper, and manufacturing the same.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing of copper, iron, and silver, minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining and smelting copper and other ores and minerals.
Ontonagon.....	Mining of copper, iron, and silver, minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining of copper and mineral ore, and other metals and metallic ores.
Ingham & Shiawassee.....	Exploring and mining coal, mining, smelting, and refining ores, manufacturing and selling goods, wares, and merchandise.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Branch county iron co.....	Butler township, Branch co.....
Bushwick co.....	Shiawassee Town.....
British American mining co.....	Chicago, and at mines.....
Bay city salt manuf. co.....	Bay City.....
Buena vista salt, mining and manuf. co.....	East Saginaw.....
Boston copper co.....	Boston and mines.....
Brooklin mining co.....	At, or near mining location.....
Broughton mining co.....	N. Y. city, and at or near mining location.....
Beaver mining co.....	Boston, and near mine.....
Bancroft iron co. of Michigan.....	Marquette.....
Boston and New York iron co.....	Town 47 N., 27 W., and New York city.....
Bohemian mining co. of Michigan.....	Philadelphia and mine.....
Batchewaming land and mining co.....	Detroit.....
Big Bay iron co.....	Big Bay and Chicago.....
Bay county mutual manufacturing co.....	Bay City.....
Bay and Saginaw salt co.....	Bay City.....
Boston yeast co.....	Trenton, Wayne county.....
Burt manufacturing co.....	Detroit.....
Bay city iron co.....	Bay City.....
Bay furnace co.....	Marquette.....
Beach carriage manufacturing co.....	Ypsilanti.....
Beidler manufacturing co.....	Muskegon.....
Big Rapids improvement and manuf'g co.....	Big Rapids.....
Beal's patent stop draw-bar manuf'g co.....	Adrian.....
Breen mining co.....	Menominee.....
Bangor furnace co.....	Bangor, Van Buren county, and Chicago.....
Buchanan wagon manufacturing co.....	Buchanan.....
Big Rapids furniture manufacturing co.....	Big Rapids.....
Blissfield tobacco manufacturing co.....	Blissfield.....
Burt free stone co.....	Marquette.....
Buchanan manufacturing co.....
Buckeye iron co.....	Marquette and Youngstown, Ohio.....
Bennett harrow co.....	Town of Milan, Monroe co.....
Battle Creek machinery co.....	Battle Creek.....
Battle Creek knitting mills.....	Battle Creek.....
Berkey & Gay furniture co.....	Grand Rapids.....
Benton Harbor axle guard manuf'ing co.....	Benton Harbor.....
Belle Isle ice co.....	Detroit.....
Bay Port salt and lumber co.....	Bay Port.....
Buchanan cheese manufacturing co.....	Buchanan.....
Bean manufacturing co.....	Hudson.....
Bellman's cigar co.....	Three Rivers.....
Baugh steam forge co.....	Springwells, Wayne co.....
Bessemer iron co.....	Negaunee.....
Black cloud gold and silver mining co.....	Negaunee.....
Chippewa copper mining co.....	At mine.....
Cleveland iron mining co.....	Marquette.....
Copper Harbor mining co.....	At mines and Boston.....
Clifton mining co.....	Detroit.....
Collins iron co.....	New York City.....
Cortez mining co.....	Detroit.....

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Branch.....	Smelting and making iron from the ore, and manufacturing articles of iron ware.
Shiawassee.....	Manufacturing of flour, exploring and mining coal, iron, or mineral paint, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper and other ores.
Bay, Midland, Tuscola, Saginaw, Shiawassee.....	Manufacturing salt.
Saginaw and adjoining counties.....	Manufacturing salt.
Near Eagle River, Keweenaw Co.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other ores and minerals.
Ontonagon.....	To mine, smelt, and refine copper and other metals and ores.
Ontonagon.....	To mine, smelt, and refine copper, and other metals and ores.
Keweenaw.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver and other minerals and ores.
Marquette.....	Iron mining, or producing iron, copper or other ores or minerals in the Upper Peninsula, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, transporting and selling iron ore, and manufact'g iron.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
Wayne and District of Algoma, Canada West.....	Mine, smelt and manufacture iron, copper and other metals and ores of metals.
Bay and Saginaw.....	To mine and smelt iron and other ores and metals.
Bay and Saginaw.....	To manufacture and deal in salt, barrels, fuel and materials entering into the manufacture of salt.
Wayne.....	Manufacture and deal in salt, barrels, fuel, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacture and sale of dry hop yeast.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing "Burt's mineral paint," also, "Burt's car wheels," and for general foundry purposes.
Bay.....	Manufacturing and repairing machinery.
Schoolcraft.....	Smelting iron ore and manufacturing iron, etc.
Washtenaw.....	To manufacture Beach's improved shifting carriage and buggy seats and bodies, as well as carriages and buggies and other articles.
Muskegon.....	Manufacture of lumber, shingles, wooden implements and ware, doors, sash, blinds, etc.
Mecosta.....	Manufacturing lumber, lath, shingles, timber, wooden ware, iron edge tools, agricultural implements, etc.
Lenawee.....	To manufacture and sell draw-bars for railway cars, and other machines and supplies for R. R. cos.
.....	Mine and transport to market and sell iron ore.
.....	Mining and procuring of iron ore, etc.
Berrien.....	Manufacture of wagons, carriages and other articles of like character.
Mecosta.....	Manufacturing, finishing and selling all kinds of furniture, agricultural implements, "Excelsior" and wood work.
Lenawee.....	Manufacturing and selling chewing and smoking tobacco, also snuff and cigars.
Marquette.....	Quarrying stone, sawing, cutting, carving and polishing the same, and carrying on building business.
Berrien.....	Manufacture of furniture and other articles manufactured from wood.
Marquette.....	Mining and smelting iron ore and the manufacture of iron in the Upper Peninsula.
Monroe.....	Manufacturing and selling Edmund Bennett's patent rotary harrow.
Calhoun.....	Manufacturing bolts, moulding and dovetailing machines, and other machinery for working wood.
Calhoun.....	Manufacturing woolen and cotton goods.
Kent.....	Manufacture of furniture and the carrying on of furniture business in all its branches.
Berrien.....	Manufacturing Sey's patent axle guards, etc.
Wayne.....	Put up, pack and manufacture Detroit river and lake ice and distribute and sell same.
Huron.....	Manufacturing salt and lumber.
Berrien.....	Manufacturing cheese, butter, etc.
Lenawee.....	Manufacturing Bean's patent stone force pumps, grinding grain, etc.
St. Joseph.....	Manufacturing cigars and dealing in tobacco.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of all kinds of iron and iron work, all kinds of forgings, castings, etc.
Marquette and other.....	General mining.
Boulder, Col.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing copper, iron, and silver minerals and ores.
Marquette.....	Iron mining.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron and silver minerals and ores.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper and copper ore and other metals and metallic ores.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing iron, copper, mineral coal, silver, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper and silver ore and other metals and metallic ores.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Continental mining co.....	Sault Ste Marie.....
Clark mining co.....	At mines.....
Cascade copper co.....	At mines.....
Clinton mining co.....	Ontonagon.....
Columbian mining co.....	Detroit.....
Coulter copper co. of Michigan.....	Township of Algonquin.....
Central mining co.....	At mines and New York.....
Clinton iron co.....	Carp River.....
Copper Falls mining co.....	Boston and mines.....
Chicago and Lake Superior iron min. mf. co.	Marquette.....
Carp Lake mining co.....	New York and Ontonagon.....
Cuyahoga mining co.....	Ontonagon.....
Columbian mining co.....	At mine.....
Chocoday River lumber co.....	East Saginaw.....
Garrollton salt manufacturing co.....	Ontonagon and Cleveland.....
Carp River mining co.....	East Saginaw.....
Chicago and Milwaukee salt co.....	At works.....
Chicago salt and lumber manuf. co.....	Corunna.....
Corunna salt manuf. co.....	Copper Harbor and Boston.....
Copper Harbor copper co.....	Fairbanks township, Schoolcraft co., and Chicago.....
Chicago lumbering co. of Michigan.....	Ontonagon and New York city.....
Chippewa mining co.....	At mines and Philadelphia.....
Chippewa mining co. of Michigan.....	Houghton.....
Crystal Lake silver lead min'g & smelt'g co.	Rockland, Ontonagon co.....
Colling copper co.....	Rockland, Ontonagon co.....
Cabot mining co.....	Marquette and Hartford, Conn.....
Consolidated silver lead co.....	Houghton and New York city.....
Cosette mining co.....	At mine and Boston.....
Concord mining co.....	Houghton.....
Cincinnati gold and silver mining co.....	At mine, Boston, and New York.....
Constitution mining co.....	In Delta co.....
Corning iron co.....	Clinton.....
Clinton woolen manufacturing co.....	Coldwater.....
Goldwater manufacturing co.....	
Crooks mining co.....	
Crowing mining co.....	
Champion iron co.....	Boston and Marquette.....
Cambridge cheese manufacturing assoc'n.....	Township of Cambridge.....
Canton cheese manufacturing co.....	Township of Canton.....
Cold Spring cheese co.....	
Cheese and butter manufacturing co. of Augusta, Mich.....	Augusta.....
Calumet & Hecla mining co.....	Houghton and Boston.....
Chicago mining co.....	At mine and Chicago.....
Charles Stone timber co.....	Detroit.....
Central car and manufacturing co.....	Jackson.....
Cascade manufacturing co.....	Cascade.....
Conroy patent wheel and carriage manu- facturing co.....	St. Clair.....
Carr iron co.....	Jackson.....
Corunna car co.....	Corunna.....
Carp River iron co.....	Marquette.....
Charlotte manufacturing co.....	Charlotte.....
Corunna coal co.....	Corunna, Mich., and Youngstown, Ohio.....
Cedar Springs cheese manufacturing co.....	Memphis.....
Cliff copper co.....	Clifton and Boston.....

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing copper, iron and silver minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron, and silver minerals and ores.
Ontonagon.....	Mining of copper, iron, and silver minerals and ores.
Ontonagon.....	Mining and smelting copper, etc.
Ontonagon and Wayne.....	Mining, smelting, and refining of ore and other metals and metallic ores.
Ontonagon.....	Mining and smelting copper, iron, mineral coal, silver, and other ores and minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper and copper ore, and other metals and metallic ores.
Marquette.....	Iron manufacturing.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other ores and minerals.
Marquette and Delta, Michigan, and Cook, Illinois.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron and other minerals and metals.
Ontonagon.....	Mining of copper and other ores.
Ontonagon.....	Working by mining of copper and other minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores, metals, and minerals.
Marquette.....	Manufacturing, buying, or selling lumber of all kinds.
Saginaw.....	Manufacturing salt.
Ontonagon.....	Working by mining of copper and other minerals.
Saginaw, Bay and adjoining counties	Manufacture of salt.
Saginaw and adjoining counties.....	Manufacture of salt and lumber.
Shiawassee.....	Manufacture of salt, etc.
Schoolcraft and Delta.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other minerals and ores.
Ontonagon.....	Manufacturing, freighting, and selling lumber; also building and owning mills, vessels, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining copper, silver, and other ores and minerals.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores, metals and minerals.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining silver, lead, iron, copper, etc.
.....	Mining or producing copper or other ores or minerals.
.....	Mining or producing copper or other ores or minerals.
.....	Mining, smelting, and refining of copper and mineral ores, etc.
.....	Mining, smelting, and refining of copper and mineral ore, and other metals and metallic ores.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper and other ores and minerals.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, iron, silver, and other ores and minerals.
Ontonagon.....	To mine, smelt, and refine copper, and other metals and ores.
Delta.....	Mining or manufacturing iron from the ores or otherwise.
Lenawee.....	Manufacturing woolen goods and fabrics of various kinds.
Branch.....	Encouraging the culture of flax, the manufacture of linseed and other oils, the manufacturing of twine, cord, rope, cloth, etc., the manufacture of caloric corn and oat meal.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining of copper and copper ore, and other metals and metallic ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper and copper ore, and other metals and metallic ores.
Marquette.....	Mining and smelting iron ore, and refining and manufacturing iron, etc.
Lenawee.....	Manufacturing cheese, butter, and other products from milk.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing cheese, butter, and other products from milk.
Hillsdale.....	Manufacture of cheese and butter.
.....	Manufacture of cheese and butter.
Keweenaw.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other minerals and ores.
Iosco, Alcona, Osceola, Ogemaw, Crawford, Roscommon, Otsego, Antrim, Bay, Gladwin, Midland, Alpena, Cheboygan, Montmo- rency and Osceola.....	Mining for copper, iron, silver, and other ores or minerals.
Jackson.....	Cutting, rafting, and manufacturing of timber.
Kent.....	Manufacture and repair of all kinds of railway, road, and other carriages, carts, wagons, sleighs, farming implements, locomotive, and other engines, steam boilers, and general foundry, machine, and smith work, in wrought and cast metals.
St. Clair.....	Manufacture of furniture and furniture stuffs, and operating a saw-mill for manufacturing of lumber.
Marquette and Jackson.....	Manufacturing of carriage wheels, carriages and cutters, and carrying on general blacksmith business.
Shiawassee.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron.
Marquette.....	Manufacturing and selling railroad cars.
Eaton.....	Manufacture of pig iron, malleable iron, wire cables, nails, spikes, bolts, nuts, and railroad iron.
Shiawassee, Mich., Mahoning, Ohio.	Manufacture of staves, heading, barrels, casks, etc.
St. Clair.....	Mining mineral coal, fire clay, and other ores, metals, and minerals, etc.
Keweenaw.....	Manufacturing cheese.
.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing copper and other ores.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Centreville knit goods manufacturing co.	Centreville.....
Conglomerate mining co.	Houghton and Boston.....
Commerce mining co.	At mine and New York City.....
Ontler & Savidge lumber co.	Spring Lake.....
Corunna manufacturing co.	Corunna.....
Centreville fruit preserving co.	Centreville.....
Clinton slate and iron co.	New York and L'Anse.....
Cove land and mining co.	Detroit.....
Consumers' ice co.	Niles.....
Chicago mineral land co.	Chicago and Marquette.....
Cedar river lumber co.	Cedar Forks, Menominee co.....
Cappon & Bertsch leather co.	Grand Rapids.....
Couston horse and cattle food co.	Jackson.....
Capac cheese manufacturing association.	Capac.....
Corunna moulding co.	Corunna.....
Cleveland silver mining co. of Iron river.	Marquette.....
Cariboo silver mining co.	Marquette.....
Centennial silver mining co.	Marquette.....
Centennial chemical co.	Detroit.....
Clipper mining co.	Ishpeming.....
Consolidated royal oak mining co.	At mines and Boston.....
Dana mining co.	Detroit.....
Detroit locomotive works.	Detroit.....
Dodge mining co.	Detroit.....
Derby mining co.	Town of Powable, Ontonagon county, and N. Y. city...
Douglass Houghton mining co.	Detroit.....
Detroit and Lake Superior iron m'f'g co.	Town of Hamtramck.....
Detroit and Jackson coal and mining co.	Detroit.....
Detroit iron mining co.	Detroit.....
Dacotah mining co.	Financial office at Pittsburg, Pa.....
Douglass mining co.	At mine.....
Dudley mining co.	At mines and Boston.....
Detroit bridge and iron works	Detroit.....
Devon mining co.	At mine and Boston.....
Dorchester mining co.	At mine and Boston.....
Douglass mining co. of Michigan.	At mine.....
Detroit and Marquette silver lead min'g co.	Detroit.....
Dover mining co.	Houghton county and New York city.....
Dexter copper mining co.	At mine.....
Detroit car works and manufacturing co.	Detroit.....
Detroit chair factory	Detroit.....
Detroit improved brick co.	Detroit.....
Detroit car wheel co.	Detroit.....
Detroit safe co.	Detroit.....
Detroit flax manufacturing co.	Detroit.....
Detroit stove works	Detroit.....
Dry dock engine works.	Detroit.....
Detroit mining and manufacturing co.	Detroit.....
Douglass brick manufacturing co.	Detroit.....
Detroit glass works.	Detroit.....
Deer lake iron co.	At works and Norwich, Conn.....

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
St. Joseph.....	Manufacture of knit goods.
W.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores, metals and minerals.
Ottawa.....	Manufacture of lumber.
Shiawassee.....	Manufacturing sash, doors, window-frames, etc.
St. Joseph.....	Drying and preserving fruits, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining and manufacturing slate, iron, and other ores, etc.
Keweenaw.....	Mining and manufacturing coal, iron, copper, silver, etc.
Berrien.....	Building ice houses, cutting and preserving ice,
Marquette, Menominee, Houghton and Ontonagon.....	Iron mining, and mining of other ores.
Menominee.....	Manufacture and sale of lumber.
Kent and Ottawa.....	Purchase, manufacture and sale of leather, etc.
Jackson.....	Manufacturing Couston's improved horse and cattle food, and compounding drugs for same.
St. Clair.....	Manufacturing cheese, etc.
Shiawassee.....	Manufacture of mouldings, sash, doors, blinds, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, stamping, smelting, or producing silver or other ores or minerals.
Ontonagon.....	Mining and refining silver and mining and smelting ores and minerals.
Ontonagon.....	Mining and refining silver and mining and smelting ores, metals and minerals.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of all kinds of perfumeries, flavoring extracts, syrops, etc.
Boulder, Colorado.....	General mining.
Colorado.....	General mining.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing copper, iron and silver minerals and ores.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing and repairing locomotives, steam engines, steam boilers, mill works and castings.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and refining of copper and copper ore and other metals and metallic ore.
Ontonagon.....	To mine, smelt and refine copper and copper ore and metals and metallic ores.
Wayne and Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and refining of copper and copper ore and other metals and metallic ores.
Wayne.....	Smelting and manufacturing of iron ores and iron.
Jackson.....	Mining of coal and iron.
Marquette and Wayne.....	Mining and disposing of iron ore.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver, and other ores, metals and minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver and other minerals and ores.
Wayne.....	For carrying on general foundry business, carriage and bridge business, putting up bridges, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver and other minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron and silver and other minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting and refining of silver, lead and other metals and metallic ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and producing copper and other ores and minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores metals, and minerals.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing of railroad cars, furniture, agricultural imple- ments, sash, doors, blinds, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacture and sale of chairs.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing of brick, tiles, slabs, or other articles com- posed wholly or in part of clay and sand.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing, constructing, and building car wheels, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing and constructing safes, safe locks, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing of bags, canvas, crash, rope, twine, cordage, and other fabrics.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing stoves, stove plates, and for carrying on a gen- eral foundry business.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing of steam engines and other machinery, and general blacksmithing.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and refining of copper and copper ore, and other metals, etc.
Wayne.....	To manufacture and vend brick by the "Douglass patent brick machine," etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing glass, glassware, and all other wares of a like nature.
Marquette.....	Mining and smelting iron or other ores, selling such ores or the products of the same.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Detroit car loan co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit river lumber co.....	Township of Springwells.....
Detroit central mills co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit novelty works.....	Detroit.....
Dover Center cheese manufacturing co.....	Township of Dover.....
Detroit ornamental stone co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit Burial case co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit bending works.....	Township of Hamtramck.....
Detroit car works.....	Detroit.....
Desert silver mining and smelting co.....	Marquette.....
De Puy manufacturing co.....	Jackson.....
Detroit car company.....	Detroit.....
Detroit city mills co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit dry dock co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit copper mining co. of Arizona.....	Detroit.....
Delaware copper co. of Michigan.....	At mine and Philadelphia.....
Detroit metal and plumbing works.....	Detroit.....
Detroit frear stone co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit Utah silver mining co. of Detroit..	Detroit.....
Daniels artificial stone co. of Detroit, Mich.	Detroit.....
Detroit frear stone works.....	Detroit.....
Dollar Bay mining co.....	At mine and Boston.....
Detroit bevel and divider co.....	Detroit.....
Daniels artificial stone co. of Grand Rapids, Mich.....	Grand Rapids.....
Detroit ice co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit steam heating co. of Detroit, Mich.	Detroit.....
Detroit chemical works of Detroit, Mich...	Detroit.....
Detroit polish co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit city co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit chair co.....	Detroit.....
Detroit and Colorado gold mining co. of Colorado.....	Detroit.....
Detroit and Colorado gold and silver mining association of Colorado.....	Detroit.....
Eagle River mining co.....	Eagle Harbor and Boston.....
Evergreen Bluff mining co.....	Detroit.....
Erie mining co.....	At mines.....
Eureka iron co.....	Detroit.....
Empire mining co.....	Sault Ste Marie.....
Eastmanville manufacturing co.....	Eastmanville.....
Excelsior iron co.....	Marquette.....
East Saginaw salt manufacturing co.....	East Saginaw.....
Empire mining co.....	Ontonagon.....
Empire barrel co.....	Carrollton.....
Eureka copper mining co.....	At mine and New York.....
Everett mining co.....	At mine.....
El Dorado silver mining co.....	Houghton.....
Excelsior silver-lead co.....	Marquette.....
Empire copper co.....	At mines and Philadelphia.....
Eagle Harbor copper co.....	In Keweenaw co. and New York.....
Excelsior mining co.....	Negaunee and New York city.....
Edwards copper min. co. of Lake Superior	Houghton and New York.....

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Wayne	Manufacture of railroad cars, etc.
Wayne	Manufacturing lumber, boards, lath, timber, staves, bent timber of all kinds, and any other articles or property for use or sale, manufactured wholly or in part of wood.
Wayne	Erection of a flouring mill in the city of Detroit, and carrying on a general flouring business.
Wayne	Manufacture of goods from brass, iron, and steel.
Lenawee	Manufacture of cheese, butter, and other products from milk.
Wayne	Manufacturing and dealing in stone articles and artificial stone for all purposes, etc.
Wayne	Manufacture of wood burial cases and dealing in general undertaker's goods.
Wayne	Bending and manufacturing of all kinds of wood work.
Wayne	Manufacture of railway and other cars, and all articles of wood or metal used in constructing cars, etc.
Salt Lake, Utah	Mining, smelting, etc., silver ores and minerals, and also for holding real and personal estate, etc.
Jackson	Manufacture of fluid extracts, etc.
Wayne	Manufacturing railroad cars, etc.
.....	Manufacture and sale of flour, corn meal, etc.
.....	Manufacture, sale and repairing of ships, boats, vessels, etc.
.....	Mining and smelting copper in the Territory of Arizona.
Keweenaw	Mining, smelting and refining copper, silver and other ores, metals and minerals.
Wayne	Manufacturing all kinds of wooden ware, tools, machinery, hardware, tinware, or articles of copper, sheet iron and other metals either alone or in combination with other articles either of wood or metals.
Wayne, Monroe and Oakland	Manufacturing artificial stones and marbles and stucco, cement.
American Fork Min. Dist., Utah	To purchase and work the silver mine known as "The Live Yankee," etc.
Wayne	For the purpose of manufacturing and selling the various articles of artificial building and ornamental stone, fountains, vases, etc.
Wayne, Monroe and Oakland	Manufacture of artificial stones and marbles, stucco, cements, and mineral paints, etc.
Houghton	General mining and smelting, etc.
Wayne	Manufacture of carpenter and machinists' tools, particularly bevels and dividers.
Kent	For the purpose of manufacturing and selling the various articles of artificial building and ornamental stone, fountains, vases, etc.
Wayne	Put up and sell ice.
Wayne	Manufacture of goods in brass, iron, etc.
Wayne	Manufacture of flavoring extracts, etc.
Wayne, Monroe, Oakland & Osceola	Mining, manufacturing and selling polishing powder.
Wayne and others	To purchase and lease real estate, and bore for oil or salt.
Wayne	Manufacturing household and office furniture.
Colorado Territory	Minlng, etc.
Colorado Territory	" "
Houghton	Working by mining of copper and other mines in Houghton co.
Ontonagon and Wayne	Mining, smelting, and refining of copper and copper ore and other metals and metallic ores.
Ontonagon	Mining and smelting copper, etc.
Marquette and Wayne	" " " "
Houghton	" " " "
Ottawa	Manufacturing staves, barrels, and all kinds of wood ware, and grinding grain.
Marquette	Manufacturing iron, etc.
Saginaw and adjoining counties	Manufacture of salt.
Ontonagon	Working by mining of copper and other minerals, etc.
Saginaw and adjoining counties	Manufacturing of staves, headings, shooks, hoops, barrels, and salt, etc.
Ontonagon	Mining copper ore, etc.
Houghton	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, or other metals and minerals.
.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, or other metals and minerals.
.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, or other metals and minerals.
Keweenaw	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, or other metals and minerals.
Keweenaw	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, or other metals and minerals.
Marquette	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, or other metals and minerals.
Lake Superior and mining district	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, or other metals and minerals.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Essex mining co.....	Eagle Harbor and New York city.....
Escanaba mining co. of Michigan.....	At mine and Philadelphia.....
East Saginaw dovetail manufacturing co....	East Saginaw.....
Emmet mining company.....	In Ontonagon co.....
Edmondson American Spectacle co.....	Detroit.....
Excelsior manuf'g co., of Corinth, Kent county, Michigan.....	Corinth.....
East Saginaw manufacturing co.....	East Saginaw.....
Ericson manufacturing co.....	Marquette.....
Empire co.....	Muskegon.....
Enterprise copper co.....	Houghton and New York.....
Everett iron co.....	Marquette, and Youngstown, Ohio.....
East Saginaw extract and lumber co.....	East Saginaw.....
East Saginaw iron co.....	Marquette.....
Empire iron co.....	Negaunee.....
Esty furniture co.....	Detroit.....
Empire manufacturing co.....	Wayland.....
Empire coal and iron co. of Columbiana county, State of Ohio.....	Detroit and Cleveland.....
Eureka coal co. of Bay City.....	Bay City.....
Eureka silver mining co.....	Greenville.....
Eureka mining and manufacturing co.....	Detroit.....
East India brewing co.....	Detroit.....
Daniels Italian marble and burial case co..	Port Huron.....
Detroit iron and brass manufacturing co....	Detroit.....
Delaware copper mining co.....	At Mine.....
Detroit leather co.....	Springwells and Detroit.....
Danaher and Melendy co.....	Ludington.....
Detroit burial case co.....	Detroit.....
Farm mining co. of Michigan.....	Township of Ontonagon.....
Flint Steel river copper co.....	At mine.....
Fire steel mining co. of Pittsburg.....	At mine and New York.....
Fulton copper co.....	Mine and Boston.....
Forest copper co.....	Marquette.....
Forest iron co.....	At mine and Boston.....
Franklin mining co.....	Flint.....
Flint salt manufacturing co.....	Saginaw City.....
Forest valley salt manufacturing co.....	Ontonagon.....
Forest city mining co.....	Town of Houghton and New York.....
Brue mining co.....	Detroit.....
First National silver mining co.....	In Ontonagon and Boston.....
Forest Shepherd mining co.....	At mine and New York.....
Fortuna mining co. of Michigan.....	Marquette and New York.....
Federal mining co.....	Houghton and New York.....
Vantine mining co.....	Fenton.....
Fenton manufacturing co.....	Houghton and Boston.....
Frontignace mining co.....	Houghton and at mine.....
Florida mining co.....	In Houghton co.....
Flora mining co.....	Detroit.....
Fulton iron and engine works.....	Detroit.....
Franklin brick machine co.....	Township of Farmington.....
Farmington cheese factory.....	Detroit.....
Frankfort iron co.....	Ford River and Chicago.....
Ford river lumber co.....	Lowell.....
Fort's western medicine manuf'g co.....	Township of Fayette.....
Fayette cheese co.....	Belding.....
Flat river lumber and shingle manuf'g co. of Belding, Michigan.....	Fruitport.....
Fruitport iron and lumber co.....	Flushing.....
Flushing coal co.....	Spring Lake.....
Fruitport steamboat co.....	Fruitport.....
Fruitport manufacturing co.....	Detroit.....
Finley shoe and leather co.....	At Mine and New York.....
Falls river iron co.....	Detroit.....
Frankfort furnace co.....	Flint.....
Flint paper mill co.....	Township of Fairfield.....
Fairfield fruit preserving co.....	Detroit.....
Farmers' fruit preserving co., of Palmyra.	Detroit.....
Flint silver mining co.....	Rockland.....
Frosts' Detroit lumber and wooden ware works.....	Grand Rapids.....
German land and mining co. of Rockland	
Grand Rapids car co.....	

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Keweenaw	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, or other metals and minerals.
Houghton	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, or other metals and minerals.
Saginaw and adjoining cos.	Manufacturing of wooden articles.
Ontonagon	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing, etc.
Wayne	Manufacture and sale of spectacles.
Kent	Manufacturing furniture of all kinds, etc.
Saginaw and adjoining co.'s.	Manufacturing lumber, salt and chemicals from logs and salt water.
Marquette	Mining, smelting and refining iron and other ores and minerals.
Newaygo, Muskegon and Mecosta ..	Manufacturing lumber, shingle, lath, etc.
Houghton	Mining of copper, iron, silver and other ores and minerals.
Marquette	
Clare	Manufacturing lumber and extracts.
Marquette and Houghton	General mining, manufacturing articles of wood, metals, glass and stone, etc.
Marquette and Houghton	Mining and refining copper and other ores and minerals.
Wayne and Shiawassee	Manufacture of lumber, bent timber, furniture or other articles, etc.
Allegan	Manufacture of furniture, etc.
Columbiana, Ohio, and elsewhere.	Mining coal, coal oil, iron ores or other ores, minerals, etc.
Bay	
Ontonagon	General mining, etc.
Wayne and St. Clair	
Wayne	Brewing, etc.
St. Clair	Manufacturing artificial marble, and burial cases, etc.
Wayne	Manufacture and sell iron, steel, and brass goods alone or in combination.
Keweenaw	Mining, smelting, etc.
Wayne	Tanning and manufacturing leather, etc.
Lake, Mason, and others.	Manufacturing lumber, etc.
Wayne	Manufacture of wood burial cases, etc.
Ontonagon	Copper mining, etc.
Ontonagon	" " "
Houghton	" " "
Ontonagon	" " "
Marquette	Manufacture of iron, etc.
Houghton	Copper, iron, and silver mining, etc.
Genesee and adjoining counties ..	Boring for and manufacturing salt.
Saginaw and adjoining counties ..	" " "
Ontonagon	Working by mining of copper and other mines.
Lake Superior mining district	Mining and smelting copper and other ores, and minerals, etc.
Marquette	" " " " " " " " " "
Ontonagon	" " " " " " " " " "
Marquette	" " " " " " " " " "
Lake Superior mining district	" " " " " " " " " "
Lake Superior mining district	" " " " " " " " " "
.....	Manufacturing woolen, cotton, and linen goods, etc.
Houghton	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other minerals, etc.
Houghton	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other minerals, etc.
Wayne	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other minerals, etc.
.....	Carrying on the foundry, engine, and machine business, etc.
Oakland and Wayne	Manufacture and sell the Franklin brick machine.
Benzie and Wayne	Manufacturing of cheese and other products from milk.
Delta, Marquette, and Menominee ..	Mining, smelting, and the manufacture of iron in all its branches.
Kent	Manufacturing and selling lumber, building and owning mills and vessels, etc.
.....	Manufacturing and selling "Fort's Family Medicines," etc.
.....	Manufacturing cheese and butter.
Ionia	Manufacture and sale of lumber and shingles.
Muskegon and Ottawa	Manufacturing, lumber, iron, etc.
Genesee	Mining for coal and other minerals.
.....	Manufacturing, repairing, and operating steamboats on the waters of Spring Lake and Grand River.
Muskegon	Manufacture and sale of lumber, sash, doors, and blinds, etc.
Houghton	Manufacturing boots, and shoes, etc.
Benzie	Mining of iron ore, etc.
Genesee	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron, etc.
Lenawee	Manufacture of paper, etc.
Lenawee	Preparing vegetable and animal substances.
Alpine Co., California	Preparing vegetable and animal substances.
Wayne	Mining silver, etc.
Houghton and Marquette	Manufacture of lumber and wooden ware.
Kent	General mining.
.....	Manufacturing of rolling stock for R. R., etc.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Grand Rapids branch of the Alden fruit } preserving co.	Grand Rapids.....
Gribbon iron co.	Negaunee.....
Green Bay mining co. of Negaunee.....	Green Bay and Negaunee.....
Grand Rapids wagon co.	Grand Rapids.....
Grand Rapids chair co.	Grand Rapids.....
Grand river valley plaster co. of Grand Rapids.....	Detroit and Grandville.....
Golden lumber co.	Township of Golden.....
Girard silver mining co.	Negaunee.....
Grant mining co.	Houghton co.
Genesee co. woolen manufacturing co.	Flint.....
Geneva silver mining co.	Marquette.....
Grand Rapids furniture manufacturing co.	Grand Rapids.....
Grand Rapids brush co.	Grand Rapids.....
Gale manufacturing co.	Albion.....
Grand Rapids shoe and leather co.	Grand Rapids.....
Grand Rapids novelty iron works.....	Grand Rapids.....
Grand Rapids burial case co.	Grand Rapids.....
Green mountain iron co.	Negaunee.....
Globe casket manufacturing co. of Kalamazoo, Mich.	Kalamazoo.....
Gordon self binding harvester co.	Kalamazoo.....
Grandville manufacturing co.	Grandville.....
Grand river manufacturing co.	Nunica.....
Gogebic mining co.	Detroit.....
Glen mining co.	At mine.....
Garden city mining co.	At mine and Chicago.....
Grand Island iron co.	In Schoolcraft county and Philadelphia.....
Grand Portage copper co.	Houghton and New York.....
Green Mountain mining co.	Ontonagon.....
Great Western mining Co.	At mine and Pittsburg, Pa.....
Girard mining co. of Michigan.....	At mine and Philadelphia.....
Globe copper co.	At mine.....
Globe mining co.	At mine and Boston.....
Grand Rapids salt manufacturing co.	Grand Rapids.....
Grand Rapids plaster co.	Grand Rapids and Boston.....
Grandville plaster co.	Grand Rapids.....
Gladwin co.	Saginaw.....
Grand Rapids manufacturing co.	Grand Rapids.....
Grand Haven fruit basket co.	Grand Haven.....
Grafton mining co.	At mine and New York.....
Glade mining co.	At mine and Boston.....
Gratiot copper mining co.	At mine and Philadelphia.....
Golconda mining co.	At mine and Philadelphia.....
Galena silver co.	Houghton.....
Gr'd Traverse mining and mineral land co.	In Leelanaw co. and Chicago.....
Grand Rapids mining co.	Ishpeming.....
Grand Rapids furniture co.	Grand Rapids.....
Grand Ledge mining, manufacturing, petroleum oil, salt and mineral association.....
Humboldt mining co.	At mine and Boston.....
Huron mining co.	At mines.....
Hazzard mining co.	At mines and New York.....
Hudson mining co.	In Houghton co. and New York.....
Howard mining co.	At mine.....
Hudson mining co.	In Ontonagon co. and New York.....
Highland copper co.	At mines and Boston.....
Hancock mining co.	At mine.....
Hamilton mining co.	At mine.....
Hanover mining co.	Houghton and New York.....
Hilton mining co.	In Ontonagon co.
Humboldt copper co.	At mines and Boston.....
Hungarian copper co.	".....
Hulbert mining co.	Houghton and Boston.....
Hope copper mines co.	At mine.....
Henwood.....	At mines and New York.....
Houghton copper co.	Houghton.....
Huron mountain silver mining co.	Detroit.....
Hartford mining com. of Michigan.....	At mines and New York.....
Home copper mining co.	Eagle River and New York.....
Hugo mining co.	Houghton and New York.....
Hamilton copper co.	At mine.....

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Kent.....	{ Buying, selling and preparing vegetable and animal sub- stances, etc.
Marquette and Delta.....	General mining.
Marquette.....	
Kent.....	Manufacturing wagons, fanning-mills, milk-safes, etc.
Kent.....	Manufacturing chairs.
Kent.....	Mining of gypsum, etc.
Oceana.....	Manufacture and sale of lumber.
Marquette and Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Houghton.....	Mini'g, smelt'g and refin'g copper, copper ore and other metals.
Marquette and Ontonagon.....	Manufacture and sale of woolen goods, etc.
Kent.....	General mining.
Kent.....	Manufacture and sale of furniture and lumber.
Calhoun.....	Manufacture and sale of brushes.
Kent.....	Manufacture of agricultural implements, etc.
Kent.....	Manufacture and sale of boots, shoes, leather, etc.
Kent.....	Manufacture of machinery, iron and brass works.
Kent.....	Manufacture of burial cases, coffins and caskets.
Marquette.....	Iron mining, etc.
Kalamazoo.....	Manufacture of the "Henika and Carder" patent globe casket.
Kalamazoo.....	Manufacture and sale of the Gordon self binding harvester.
Kent.....	Manufacture of barrels, etc.
Ottawa.....	Manufacture of lumber, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and manufactur'g iron, copper, and silver, etc.
Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " "
Houghton.....	" " " " " " " "
Schoolcraft, Marquette, and Delta.....	" " " " " " " "
Lake Superior mining district.....	" " " " " " " "
Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " "
Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " "
Keweenaw.....	" " " " " " " "
Keweenaw.....	" " " " " " " "
Houghton.....	" " " " " " " "
Kent.....	Boring for and manufacturing salt.
Kent.....	Mining and manufacturing plaster and stucco.
Kent.....	" " " " " " " "
Midland, Gladwin, and Saginaw.....	Manufacture of lumber, etc.
Kent.....	Manufacture of agricultural and mechanical implements, machinery, and R. R. cars, etc.
State of Michigan.....	Manufacture of fruit baskets, crates, and plant protectors, etc.
Ontonagon.....	General mining, smelting, and refining of copper and other ores and minerals, etc.
Houghton.....	General mining, smelting, and refining of copper and other ores and minerals, etc.
Keweenaw.....	General mining, smelting, and refining of copper and other ores and minerals, etc.
Marquette.....	General mining, smelting, and refining of copper and other ores and minerals, etc.
.....	General mining, smelting, and refining of copper and other ores and minerals, etc.
.....	General mining, smelting, and refining of copper and other ores and minerals, etc.
Marquette and others.....	General mining, etc.
Kent.....	Manufacturing furniture, etc.
Eaton.....	Boring for, purchasing, refining, and selling rock or petroleum oil.
Houghton.....	General mining.
Houghton.....	" " " " " " " "
Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " "
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Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " "
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Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " "
Lake Superior mining district.....	" " " " " " " "
Upper Peninsula.....	" " " " " " " "
Keweenaw.....	" " " " " " " "
Houghton.....	" " " " " " " "
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State of Michigan.....	" " " " " " " "
Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " "
Douglas county, Wisconsin.....	" " " " " " " "
Houghton.....	" " " " " " " "
Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " "
Lake Superior mining district.....	General mining, smelting, and refining ores and minerals, etc.
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Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " " " "

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Holyoke mining co.	Marquette
Harney mining co.	Houghton co.
Huron Bay iron mining co.	" and Boston
Huron copper co.	Houghton co.
Houghton mining co.	Marquette
Huron bay iron and slate co.	
Huron salt and lumber manufacturing co.	Salsburgh and Chicago
Hamtramck iron works	Township of Hamtrack
Home portable gas-light manufacturing co. of Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
Hubbardston lumber co.	Hubbardston
Hargreaves manufacturing co. of the city of Detroit	Detroit
"Horne" water-elevator co.	Detroit
Himrod hematite co.	Marquette
Hulbert consolidated copper co.	Houghton and New York
Howell Hoppock iron mining co.	Ishpeming
Home iron mining and manufacturing co. of the State of Michigan	Negaunee
Horse-Shoe Bend coal co.	Detroit
Huron Bay slate and iron co.	Marquette, Chicago, Cleveland, and New York
Holland iron co.	Holland
Hudson manufacturing co.	Hudson
Houghton copper works	Marquette
Hungerford mining co.	Marquette
Hurley's Huron mount'n slate and min'g co.	Port Huron
Hale manuf'ing co. of Port Huron, Mich.	
Harrison manufacturing co.	Lansing
Hutchins' roofing and paint co.	Grand Rapids
Humboldt iron co.	Negaunee
Iroquois mining co.	Sault Ste Marie
Indiana copper co.	At mines in Ontonagon co.
Isle Royal mining co.	At mines and New York
Iron river mining co.	Detroit
Idaho mining co.	Marquette
Idaho mining co.	Houghton
Isabella silver lead mining co.	Houghton
Iron Cliffs co.	Township of Negaunee
Iron mountain mining co.	At mines and Pittsburgh
International copper mining co. of Lake Superior, State of Michigan	Ontonagon, and Montreal, C. E.
Indian mill creek salt co.	Grand Rapids
Ionia salt manufacturing and petroleum co.	Ionia
Iroquois mining co.	Houghton and Boston
Iron king mining co.	In Houghton co.
Illinois manufacturing co. of Adrian Mich.	Adrian
Isabella extract and lumber co.	Loomis
Ingalls mining co.	Menominee
Iron river silver mining co.	Marquette
Ives lumber company	Big Rapids
Island mining co.	Isle Royal
Iron Bay mining co.	Marquette
Ishpeming mineral land co.	Chicago and Marquette
Industrial works	Bay City
Ionia shingle machine manufacturing co.	Ionia
Ishpeming silver mining co.	Ishpeming
International mining co. of Michigan	At mine
Jonesville manufacturing co.	Jonesville
Jackson Bloisburg coal co.	Jackson
Jackson city coal co.	Jackson
Jackson silver lead co.	In Houghton co.
Jefferson mining co.	At mine
J. W. French manufacturing co.	Three Rivers
Jones manufacturing co.	Detroit
Jackson petroleum stove co.	Jackson
Jackson foundry and machine co.	Jackson
Jackson smelting co.	Jackson
Jonesville cotton manufacturing co.	Jonesville
Jackson iron manufacturing co.	Jackson

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Marquette	General mining, smelting, and refining ores and minerals, etc.
Houghton	" " " " " " " " " "
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"	" " " " " " " " " "
Houghton and Marquette	General mining, smelting and refining ores and minerals, etc., and quarrying and manufacturing roofing slate and building stone.
Bay	Manufacture of salt and lumber.
Wayne	Manufacture of car wheels and castings, etc.
State	Manufacture of "the home portable gas light machine."
Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot and Oceana	Manufacture of lumber, timber, lath, etc.
Wayne	Manufacturing picture frames, looking glasses, children's wagons and sleds, mouldings, etc.
Wayne	Manufacture of the water elevator pump.
Houghton	Mining iron ore, etc.
Marquette	General mining.
"	Mining iron ore.
Vermillion Park and Fountain, Ind.	General mining, and for manufacturing iron.
Marquette and Houghton	Mining, transporting, and selling mineral coal.
"	Mining and quarrying slate, etc., mining and manufacturing iron, etc.
Ottawa	Mining and manufacturing iron, etc.
Lonsawee	General manufacturing.
"	General mining.
Marquette	General mining and quarrying slate, etc.
Marquette	Manufacturing mill machinery and carrying on the foundry, engine and machine business.
State	Manufacture and sell Harrison's rubber lined knife head for mowing machines.
Ingham	Manufacturing and applying Hutchin's patent roofing and roofing paints.
Kent	General mining, etc.
Marquette and others	Mining for coal, iron and copper.
Chippewa	Mining of copper, iron and silver ores and minerals, etc.
Ontonagon	" " " " " " " " " "
Houghton	" " " " " " " " " "
Ontonagon	" " " " " " " " " "
Marquette	" " " " " " " " " "
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Marquette	" " " " " " " " " "
Marquette	" " " " " " " " " "
Marquette	Iron mining and manufacturing.
Lake Superior mining district	General mining
Kent, Newaygo and Muskegon	Manufacturing salt, etc.
Ionia and Clinton	Manufacturing salt and boring for oil, etc.
"	General mining, etc.
Houghton	" " " " " " " " " "
Lonsawee	General manufacturing business.
Isabella	Manufacture of extracts, lumber, barrels, etc.
Menominee	Iron mining, etc.
Ontonagon and Marquette	General mining, etc.
Newaygo and Mecosta	Manufacture of lumber, lath, shingles, pickets, etc.
Upper Peninsula	General mining, etc.
Marquette	Mining and manufacturing iron, etc.
{ Marquette, Menominee, Hough- } ton and Ontonagon	General mining, etc.
Bay county, Mich.	General foundry business.
Ionia	Manufacturing machinery, etc.
Ontonagon	General mining, etc.
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Hilldale	Wool carding, cloth dressing, and manufacturing cloth and woolen fabrics.
Jackson	Mining and sale of mineral coal, etc.
"	" " " " " " " " " "
Marquette co.	General mining, etc.
Houghton	" " " " " " " " " "
St. Joseph	Manufacture of paper, wagons, carriages, and agricultural im- plements.
Shawasssee and Wayne	Manufacture of lumber, lath, staves, furniture, etc.
Jackson	Manufacture and sale of petroleum gas stoves.
Jackson	Iron and brass foundry, manufacture and repair steam engines, locomotives, R. R. cars, etc.
Jackson and Saginaw	General foundry and manufacturing.
Hilldale	Manufacture of cotton goods.
Jackson	Manufacture of iron and steel.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Jefferson iron co.....	Negaunee.....
Jackson pulp co.....	Ypsilanti.....
Jackson art gallery.....	Jackson.....
Jackson fire clay co.....	Blackman or Jackson.....
Keweenaw mining co.....	At mine.....
Keweenaw Point copper and silver mining co. of Lake Superior.....	Copper Harbor.....
Kent salt manufacturing co.....	Grand Rapids.....
Knowlton mining co.....	In township of Rockland, and Cleveland, Ohio.....
Kalamazoo manufacturing co.....	Kalamazoo.....
Keweenaw copper co.....	At mine.....
Keweenaw silver mining co.....	Detroit.....
Knickerbacker mining co.....	In Keweenaw county and New York.....
Kaw Kawiin salt and lumber co.....	Bay City.....
King Philip copper mining co.....	Ontonagon and Boston.....
Keystone lumber and salt manuf'g co.....	Bangor and Philadelphia.....
Kearsarge mining co.....	Houghton and Boston.....
Kalamazoo paper co.....	Kalamazoo.....
Kalamazoo manufacturing corporation.....	Kalamazoo.....
Kalamazoo water power and mfg. co.....	Kalamazoo.....
Kalamazoo centripetal power manuf'g co.....	Kalamazoo.....
Kaw Kawiin chemical works.....	Kaw Kawiin.....
Keystone iron co.....	Marquette.....
Kloman mining co.....	Pittsburgh.....
Kalamazoo novelty manufacturing co.....	Kalamazoo.....
Kimball & Austin manufacturing co.....	Kalamazoo.....
Kalamazoo spring works.....	Kalamazoo.....
Kaolite Polish co.....	Marquette.....
Kalamazoo mastic roofing and paint co.....	Kalamazoo.....
Kalamazoo handle manufacturing co.....	Kalamazoo.....
Lake superior iron co.....	Marquette and Boston.....
Livingston mining co.....	Houghton and New York.....
Lawrence land and mining co.....	Eagle Harbor.....
Lake Superior foundry co.....
Lone Rock mining co.....	Ontonagon and Cleveland.....
Lake Huron salt co. of Michigan.....	Saginaw.....
Lansing salt manufacturing co.....	LaSling.....
Lower Saginaw salt manufacturing co.....	At works.....
LaFayette mining co.....	Ontonagon and New York.....
Lawrence mining co.....	Ontonagon and New York.....
L'Anse silver lead mining co.....	Hancock.....
LaPlata mining co.....	Houghton and New York.....
Lake Superior leather co.....	Chocolay.....
Lloyd & Newberry's lumber co.....	Detroit.....
Lake St. Clair and new up river ice co.....	Detroit.....
Lloyd & Powell's lumber co.....	Pewamo.....
Lincoln mining co.....	Houghton.....
Lenawee county union cheese manf'g co.....	Madison township.....
Low manufacturing co.....	Adrian.....
Lamb manufacturing co.....	Ann Arbor.....
Lake St. Clair and Detroit ice co.....	Hamtramck township.....
Lake Superior fire brick co.....	Negaunee township.....
Lake Superior powder co.....	Marquette.....
Leland Lake Superior iron co.....	Detroit.....
Lincoln copper co.....	At mine.....
Lansing zinc sweat pad manufacturing co.....	Lansing.....
Lake Superior coal and fire clay co.....	Marquette.....
Lake Superior brown stone company.....	Marquette.....
LeRoy lumber co.....	Le Roy.....
L'Anse mineral land co.....	At mine.....
Lansing lumber and manufacturing co.....	Lansing.....
L'Anse furnace co.....	L'Anse.....
Lansing iron works.....	Lansing.....
Lansing boot and shoe manufacturing co.....	Lansing.....
Lansing chair factory.....	Lansing.....
Lake Superior building co.....	Marquette.....
Lake mining co.....	Isle Royale.....
Lake park ass'n, of Grand Rapids, Mich.....	Grand Rapids.....

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Marquette	General mining, etc.
Jackson	Manufacture of paper and paper pulp.
Jackson and others	Photographing, etc.
Jackson	Manufacture of sewer pipe, tile, stone and brick ware, etc.
Houghton	General mining and smelting, etc.
Houghton	" " " "
Kent	Manufacturing salt.
Ontonagon	General mining, etc.
Kalamazoo	Manufacture of woolen and cotton goods.
Keweenaw	General mining, etc.
Houghton and Wayne	" " " "
Keweenaw	" " " "
Bay	Manufacture of lumber and salt.
Ontonagon	General mining, etc.
Bay, Saginaw, Tuscola, etc.	Manufacture of lumber and salt.
Kalamazoo	General mining, etc.
United States	Manufacture of paper, etc.
Kalamazoo	General manufacturing, etc.
Kalamazoo	General manufacturing business.
Bay	General manufacturing business.
Marquette	Manufacture and sale of extracts and chemicals, etc.
Marquette	General mining, etc.
Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana	" " " "
Kalamazoo	Manufacture and sale of Simpson's parlor grindstone, etc.
Kalamazoo	General manufacturing business.
Ontonagon and others	Manufacturing and repairing steel springs for carriages, R. R. cars, etc.
Kalamazoo	Mining, manufacturing, and selling polish.
Kalamazoo	Manufacture, sell, and use roofing and cement.
Kalamazoo	Manufacturing handles of all varieties.
Marquette	Iron mining, etc.
Houghton	Mining and smelting ores and minerals.
Houghton and Ontonagon	" " " "
Marquette	Production of articles from iron and other metals.
Ontonagon	General mining, etc.
Saginaw	Manufacture of salt.
Ingham and others	" " " "
Bay	" " " "
Ontonagon	General mining.
"	" " " "
"	" " " "
Lake Superior mining district	" " " "
Marquette	Manufacture of leather boots and shoes, etc.
{ Ionia, Clinton, Shiawassee, and }	Manufacture of lumber, boards, lath, timber, staves, bent tim-
{ Genesee }	ber, etc.
Wayne	Put up, pack, and manufacture for market Detroit river and lake ice, etc.
{ Ionia, Clinton, Shiawassee, and }	Manufacture of lumber, boards, lath, timber, staves, and bent
{ Genesee }	timber, etc.
Houghton	General mining.
Lenawee	Manufacture of cheese, butter, and other products from milk.
"	Manufacture of Long's combined seeder, cultivator, and roller, etc.
"	Manufacture and sell Isaac W. Lamb's permutation locks, pat. Dec. 17, 1867.
Wayne	Put up, pack, and manufacture for market Detroit river and lake ice.
Marquette	Manufacturing and selling fire brick and common brick.
"	Manufacturing of gun and blasting powder, etc.
Leelanaw	Manufacture of iron.
Houghton	General mining, etc.
Ingham	Manufacture of the Bennett zinc sweat pad.
Marquette and Shiawassee	General mining and certain manufacturing.
Houghton	Mining and smelting ores and metals, and manufacturing met-
"	als, etc.
Oscoda	Manufacture and sale of lumber.
Houghton	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron, other ores, metals, etc.
Ingham	Manufacture of lumber, wagon, carriage, coach, and car woods, etc.
Houghton	Mining and smelting iron ore, and manufacturing and working iron and steel.
Ingham	Manufacture and sale of steam engines, boilers, castings, etc.
Ingham	Manufacture and sale of boots and shoes, etc.
Ingham	Manufacturing and selling chairs.
Marquette	Manufacture and sale of brick, lime, or other building material, erection of buildings, mills, shops, harbors, etc.
Upper Peninsula	General mining.
Kent	Building and leasing houses, etc.; buying and selling lands; preserving and dealing in fruits, ice, etc., horticultural and other improvements; manufacturing and mining.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Ludington, Wells & Van Schaick co. of Michigan	Menominee and Chicago
Lynn cheese manufacturing co.	At factory in Lynn
L'Anse brown stone co.	Marquette
Luzerne silver mining co.	Ontonagon
L'Anse slate and iron mining co.	L'Anse
Magnetic mining co.	Detroit
Meadow mining company of Pittsburgh	At mines
Merchant's mining co.	Ontonagon
Montezuma mining co. of Portage Lake	Detroit
Manitou mining co.	New York
Merry weather mining co.	At mine and New York
Michigan state coal co.	Detroit
Minnesota mining co.	New York and at mine
Michigan patent fanning co.	Detroit
Mass mining co.	Pittsburgh and in town 50 n., 38 w., on sec. 6
Metropolitan mining co.	New York and town of Ontonagon
Michigan salt co.	New York and Bay City
Michigan marble co.	Detroit
Mesnard mining co.	At mine, and Boston, Mass.
Michigan paint co.	Detroit
Miscowauvik mining co.	Cleveland, Ohio, and Ontonagon
Madison mining co.	At mine, and Boston, Mass.
Michigan salt co.	East Saginaw
Manhattan mining co.	At mine
Mandan mining co.	Philadelphia and at mines
Merrimack mining co. of Lake Superior	New York and at mine
Morgan iron foundry.	Marquette
Marquette silver mining co.	Detroit
Meteor mining co.	New York and town of Copper Harbor
Marquette mining co. of Michigan	Philadelphia and Marquette
Michigan mining co.	New York and Ontonagon
Magnetic iron mining co. of Michigan	Marquette
Massachusetts copper, land, and mining co.	At mines, and Boston, Mass., and N. Y.
Malden copper co.	Pewabic township
Marquette iron co.	Marquette
Monitor mining co. of Michigan	At mine and Philadelphia
Milton copper co.	At mine
Marius mining co.	Houghton and New York
Myatic silver mining co. of Michigan	Detroit
Middlesex mining co.	Township of Eagle Harbor, and New York
Michigan car co.	Detroit
Michigan beater press co.	Detroit
Michigan land and lumber co.	Detroit
Michigan iron co.	Marquette
Michigan and Indiana bolt and nut co.	Detroit
Morenci woolen manufacturing co.	Morenci
Michigan concrete stone manufacturing co.	Detroit
Marquette manufacturing co.	Marquette
Michigan butter worker co.	Lansing
Mechanics and inventors' manufacturing co. of the city of Detroit, Wayne co., Michigan	Detroit
Midjl Makevi mining co.	Houghton
Marquette and Pacific rolling mill co.	Marquette
Michigan furniture co.	Detroit
Michigan bolt and nut co.	Detroit
Michigan mineral paint manufacturing co. of the city of Coldwater	Coldwater
Michigan salt manufacturing co.	East Saginaw and N. Y. city
Michigan chemical co.	Jackson
Mozart watch co.	Ann Arbor
Michigan glass co.	Town of Spring Wells
Michigan mowing machine knife grinder co.	Battle Creek
Marshall machine co.	Marshall
Michigan barrel co.	Grand Rapids
Michigamme co.	Michigamme
Michigan Abel loom co.	Detroit
Missouri lead mining co.	Detroit
Michigan Central and Grand Trunk car co.	Detroit

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Menominee, Delta, and Marquette..	Manufacture of lumber, etc.
Clare.....	Manufacture cheese and other products of milk.
Baraga and Marquette.....	Mining ores and quarrying stone, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining.
Baraga.....	Mining.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and manufactur'g of copper, iron, silver, etc.
Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " " " "
Ontonagon.....	" " " " " " " " " "
Houghton and Wayne.....	General mining, etc.
Houghton.....	General mining, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and manufactur'g of copper, iron, silver, etc.
Genesee, Ingham, Shiawassee, Jack- son, Eaton, and Clinton.....	Mining and working of mineral coal; converting coal into coke; the transportation of coal and coke to market, etc.
Upper Peninsula.....	Mining copper mineral.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing and tanning leather.
Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	Copper mining.
Bay.....	Manufacture of salt.
Chippewa.....	Mining marble, iron, lead, etc.
Houghton.....	General mining.
Michigan.....	Manufacturing Beardsley's patent paints.
Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Houghton.....	" "
Saginaw and adjoining co.'s.....	Manufacture of salt.
Keweenaw.....	General mining.
Keweenaw.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing copper, silver and other minerals.
Upper Peninsula.....	General mining.
Marquette.....	" "
Lake Superior mining district.....	" "
Marquette.....	" "
Ontonagon.....	" "
Marquette.....	" "
Ontonagon.....	" "
Upper Peninsula.....	" "
Marquette.....	Mining iron ore, etc.
Houghton.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	" "
Lake Superior mining district.....	" "
Marquette.....	" "
Keweenaw.....	" "
Wayne.....	Manufacturing railroad cars, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacture and sale of the Beater hay press, etc.
Wayne, Alpena, and others.....	Manufacture, timber, lumber, and hydraulic cement or water- lime, etc.
Upper Peninsula.....	General mining.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing bolts, nuts, etc.
Lenawee.....	Manufacture of woolen cloths.
Wayne.....	Manufacture and sale of artificial stone under patent of Fred'k Ransom.
Marquette.....	Manufacturing doors, blinds, building material, etc.
Ingham.....	Manufacturing, etc., Allen's railway butter worker, etc.
.....	Negotiate patents, manufacture and sell patented articles, etc
Houghton.....	General mining.
Marquette.....	Mining, refining, and manufacturing iron and other ores, met- als and minerals.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of lumber, boards, lath, timber, staves, bent tim- ber, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing bolts, nuts, and washers, etc.
Calhoun, Hillsdale, and Branch.....	Mining for and manufacturing mineral or other paints.
Saginaw.....	Manufacture of salt and lumber.
Saginaw.....	Manufacture of soda ash, soda crystals, caustic soda, chlorate of potash, etc.
Washtenaw.....	Manufacture and sale watches, clocks, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of glass.
Calhoun and Jackson.....	Manufacture and sale of Judson's patent mowing machine knife grinder.
Calhoun.....	Manufacture of steel springs, axles, and tools, combined with a general hardware and foundry business.
Kent.....	Manufacturing barrels, boxes, packages, etc.
Marquette and Houghton.....	General mining, and manufacturing iron.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing, vending, and using the Abel loom.
Washington, Mo.....	Mining and manufacturing of lead.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing, renting, and selling railroad cars.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Michigan stove co.	Detroit
Michigan pump co.	Three Rivers
Monitor silver mining co.	Detroit
McComber iron co.	Marquette
Marquette brown stone co.	Marquette
Menominee iron co.	Menominee and Chicago
Marshall car co.	Detroit
Michigan school furniture co.	Northville
Mason lumber co.	Muskegon
Munising iron co.	Marquette
Memphis manufacturing co.	Memphis
Marsac silver mill co.	Grand Haven
Marquette and Ontonagon silver mining co.	Marquette
Michigan chair co.	Kendall and Kalamazoo
Mammoth silver mining co.	Marquette
Michigan furniture co.	Grand Rapids
Marquette copper mining co.	Marquette
Michigan wood pulp co.	Niles
Metropolis iron co.	At mine and Pittsburg
Manhattan marble co., of G'd Rapids, Mich.	Grand Rapids
Michigan paneling machine and manufacturing co.	Detroit
Minong mining co.	Detroit
Marine city stove co.	Marine City
Michigan saw gummer co.	Detroit
Michigan manufacturing co.	Kalamazoo
Montgomery manufacturing co.	Montgomery
Michigan paper co.	Detroit
Martin mill co.	Martin, in Allegan co.
Manganese iron mining co.	Negaunee
Michigan double stove barrel co.	Charlotte
Michigan and Ohio plaster co.	Grand Rapids
Michigan salt association	Bay City
Marquette silver land co.	Marquette
Michigan leather co.	Detroit
Mohawk silver mining co.	Negaunee
Malone and Langstaff lumber and salt manufacturing co.	Salzburg
Mackinaw lumber co.	Township of Point St. Ignace
Montezuma silver mining co.	Detroit
Michigan vinegar works	Detroit
Michigan fire alarm co.	Jackson
Menominee iron mining co.	Detroit
New York silver company	Marquette
New York iron mine	T. 47 N., R. 27 W., Michigan, and New York
New York mining co.	At mine
Nevada mining co.	Houghton and New York
Naumkeag mining co.	Near Portage Lake and Boston
Nez Perces silver mining co. of Utah	Kalamazoo, and Cleveland, O.
Negaunee coal co.	Negaunee and Corunna
Natick mining co.	New York and at mine
North Star mining co.	Houghton co.
Northern Light silver mining co.	Detroit
North Silver Lake mining co.	Houghton and New York
Nahass mining co. of Lake Superior	Ontonagon
North Cliff mining co.	At mine and Pittsburgh
Norwich mining co.	Town of Pewabic and New York
New England copper co.	At mine

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of stoves, etc.
St. Joseph.....	Manufacture and sale of wood pumps, etc.
{ Townships of McIntyre, in dist. of Thunder Bay, Province of Ontario..... }	Mining and manf'g of silver and other valuable ores & minerals.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron and other ores.
Marquette.....	Mining and smelting ores, and metals, manufacturing metals, and quarrying and manufacturing stone.
Menominee.....	Smelting iron ores and manufacturing iron.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of railroad cars, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of school and office furniture and agricultural implements.
Muskegon.....	Manufacture and sale of lumber.
Schoolcraft.....	General mining, manf'g articles of merchandise from iron, wood, glass, etc., and for quarrying and manf'g stone and lumber; also building steamers, vessels, etc.
Macomb.....	Manufacture and sale of sewing machines, agricultural and other implements.
Marquette and Ontonagon.....	Working and manf'g silver and other ores in Utah territory.
VanBuren and other counties.....	Mining and smelting silver and copper, or the ores thereof.
Ontonagon.....	Manufacturing and vending chairs, furniture, lumber, staves, and heading.
Kent.....	Mining and refining silver ores, mining and smelting metals and minerals.
Keweenaw.....	Manufacture, etc. of furniture.
Berrien.....	Mining and manf'g silver, copper, iron, etc.
Marquette.....	Manufacture of wood pulp.
Kent.....	Mining and smelting, and manufacturing iron and other ores, metals, etc.
State.....	Manufacture and sale of artificial marble, etc.
Keweenaw.....	Acquiring for the State of Michigan of the patented panelling machine as invented by and patented to Nicholas Jenkins, of New Haven, Conn., the manuf'g and selling such machines, etc.
St. Clair.....	Copper mining, etc.
Wayne.....	Staves, heading, hoops, etc.
Kalamazoo.....	Manufacturing and selling Olney's patented saw gummer.
Hillsdale.....	Manufacturing wooden ware and agricultural implements.
Washtenaw.....	Manufacture of window blinds.
Allegan.....	Manufacturer of paper.
Marquette.....	Manufacture flour, mill, and feed.
State.....	Mining iron ore.
Michigan and Ohio.....	Manufacture and sale of Willard's patent double stave barrel, and Willard's patent barrel hoop, also barrel machinery, lum ber, etc.
Bay and Saginaw.....	Manufacture and sale of plaster.
Ontonagon.....	Manufacture and sale of salt.
State of Michigan.....	General mining, etc.
Marquette and others.....	Tanning hides, etc.
Bay.....	General mining, etc.
Mackinaw.....	Manufacturing and dealing in lumber, salt, etc.
Utah Territory.....	Manufacturing and dealing in lumber, etc.
Wayne.....	General mining, etc.
Jackson.....	Manufacture and sell vinegar, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Manufacturing and putting up fire alarms.
Marquette.....	General mining, etc.
Keweenaw.....	Mining and refining silver, mining and smelting ores, etc., man- ufacturing metals, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, transporting, and selling iron ore, manuf'g iron, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores, etc.
Utah Ter.....	Mining, smelting, and refining of silver and silver ore, and other metals.
Shiawassee and Marquette.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver, and other minerals and ores, etc.
Keweenaw.....	General mining, milling, concentrating, and smelting of silver and lead.
Houghton county.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, etc., and mining mineral coal.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, other ores, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining of copper and copper ore, other metals, etc.
Upper Peninsula.....	Mining, smelting, refining, and manufacturing silver, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining silver and silver ore, and other metals.
Ontonagon.....	Procuring and working mines for the production of copper ore or minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores, metals, etc.
Houghton.....	To buy or lease Norwich mine, to mine, smelt, and refine cop- per, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing copper, iron, etc.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICES.
N. Y., Pittsburgh & Isle Royale mining co.	Todd's Harbor.....
Nebraska mining co.	Detroit.....
North Star silver mining co.	Detroit.....
Nevada mining co.	Marquette.....
Nassau mining co.	At mine.....
Noble copper co. of Michigan.	Copper Harbor and Cleveland.....
Nequoted mining co.	Ontonagon and Vermont.....
New Jersey mining co. of Michigan.	At mine and Philadelphia.....
Nonesuch mining co.	At mine.....
Niles paper mill co.	Niles.....
Niles turned wood box co.	Niles.....
National pin co.	Detroit.....
Northwestern telegraph manufacturing co.	Ypsilanti.....
Northwestern gas and water-pipe co.	Bay City.....
Northwestern medicine co.	
National fence co. of Detroit, Mich.	Detroit.....
Nall manufacturing co.	Detroit.....
Niles furniture co.	Niles.....
Newaygo manufacturing co. of Mich.	Newaygo.....
Niles manufacturing co.	Niles.....
National barrel co.	Hillsdale.....
Nichols, Shepard & Co.	Battle Creek.....
Old telegraph silver mining co.	Kalamazoo.....
Owosso city coal mining co.	Owosso.....
Osego mining co. of Mich.	At mine and Philadelphia.....
Ontario silver mining and mfg co. of Mich.	Detroit.....
Ontonagon central silver co.	Marquette.....
Ontonagon and Lake Superior silver mining co.	Marquette.....
Oseola mining co.	Houghton.....
Ontonagon copper mining co.	At mine and New York.....
Ohio trap rock mining co.	At mine and Pittsburgh.....
Ohio mining co.	At mine.....
Ontario mining co. of Michigan.	Ontonagon.....
Oriental mining co.	Detroit.....
Oxford and Geneva silver mining co. of Utah.	Detroit and Salt Lake.....
Ontonagon southern silver mining co.	Marquette.....
Osage mining co. of Michigan.	At mine and Philadelphia.....
Ontonagon silver mining co.	Marquette.....
Ossipee mining co.	At mine and Boston.....
Ogima mining co.	At mine and New York.....
Ottoman cahvey co.	Muskegon.....
Ogemaw lumber co.	Ogemaw.....
Owosso woolen manufacturing co.	Owosso.....
Ontonagon smelting and manufacturing co.	Ontonagon.....
Opeechee mining co.	Houghton and Boston.....
Orange county salt manufacturing co.	Middletown and Carrollton.....
Oneida salt and lumber manufacturing co.	
Peninsula lumber co.	Harvey.....
Portage lake smelting works.	At works and Boston.....
Portland hydraulic co.	Portland.....
Peninsula hardware and manufacturing co. of Big Rapids.	Big Rapids.....
Peters Brothers manufacturing co.	Marshall.....
Portage lake extract works.	Hancock.....
Portsmouth and Bay City wooden ware works.	Portsmouth.....
Port Huron dry dock co.	Port Huron.....
Pontiac woolen manufacturing association.	Pontiac.....
Peninsular paper co.	Ypsilanti.....
Peninsular dressed lumber co.	Detroit.....
Peninsula woolen manufacturing co.	Orion.....
Phoenix manufacturing co. of Grand Rapids.	Grand Rapids.....
Pere Marquette lumber co.	Ludington.....
Pentwater lumber co.	Pentwater.....
Parke, Davis and co. of Detroit, Michigan.	Detroit.....
People's ice co.	Detroit.....
Phoenix furniture co.	Grand Rapids.....
Park horse fork co.	Lansing.....
Peninsula iron and lumber co.	Menominee.....
Phelps and Bigelow wind-mill co.	Kalamazoo.....
Port Huron fire escape and hook and ladder truck co.	Port Huron.....
Phoenix stone co. of Grand Rapids, Mich.	Grand Rapids.....
Phoenix manufacturing co. of Bay Port.	Bay Port.....
Penn mining co. of Lake Superior.	At mine and Philadelphia.....
Peninsular iron co.	Marquette.....

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and manuf'g copper, silver, and other ores, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and refining of copper, and copper ore, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, refining, and manuf'g silver, lead, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining silver and silver ore, lead, and other metals.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, other ores, metals, etc.
Keweenaw.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores.
Ontonagon.....	Working by mining copper and other mines.
Keweenaw.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and manufactur'g copper and other minerals.
Berrien.....	Manufacture paper.
Berrien.....	Manufacturing turned wood boxes, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacture pins and pin machinery.
Washtenaw.....	Manufacturing electrical instruments and appliances, etc.
Bay.....	Manufacturing gas and water pipe, lumber, and salt.
Clinton.....	Manufacture and sale of medicines.
Wayne.....	Manufacture and sale of combination fences.
State of Michigan.....	General manufacturing.
Berrien.....	Manufacturing furniture.
Newaygo.....	Manufacturing bed bottoms.
Berrien.....	Erecting and maintaining water-power mills manufactories.
Hillsdale.....	Manufacturing barrels.
Calhoun.....	Manufacturing and selling agricultural and mechanical tools.
Utah Territory.....	Mining.
Shiawassee.....	Mining coal, etc.
Houghton.....	General mining.
Wayne.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	Mining and refining silver ore, mining metals and manf'g same.
Ontonagon.....	Mining and refining silver ore, mining metals and manf'g same.
Ontonagon.....	Mining copper, iron, silver, and other minerals and ores.
Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing copper, iron and silver, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing copper, iron, silver, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and refining copper, copper ore and other metals.
Utah Territory.....	Mining and smelting all kinds of ores.
Marquette and Ontonagon.....	Mining and refining silver ores, mining and smelting metals, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver and other ores.
Ontonagon.....	Mining and refining silver ores, mining and smelting metals, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining copper, iron, silver and other minerals and ores.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing copper, silver, etc.
Chicago, Ill.....	Manufacturing and selling Ottoman cahvey, etc.
Ogemaw.....	Manufacture of logs, timber, lumber and lath.
Shiawassee.....	Carding wool, dressing cloth, manufacturing wool, cloth, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Smelting and manufacturing iron, copper, silver, lead, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining copper, iron, silver and other minerals and ores.
State.....	Manufacturing salt.
Ontonagon.....	Manufacturing salt and lumber, etc.
Marquette.....	Manufacturing, freighting and selling lumber, etc.
Houghton.....	Smelting copper, iron, silver, etc., and selling and manufac- turing.
.....	Manufacturing lumber, flour and meal in all its <i>variegated</i> forms.
Mecosta.....	Manufacturing, finishing and selling all kinds of hardware.
Ontonagon.....	Manufacturing and selling the Warren Improved hoe, etc.
Houghton.....	Manufacture and sale of tanning extracts.
Bay co.....	Manufacturing wooden ware.
St. Clair.....	Building and repairing boats, etc.
Oakland.....	Manufacture of woolen goods, rolls, batts, etc.
Washtenaw.....	Manufacturing paper.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing lumber, lath, etc.
Oakland.....	Manufacturing woolen goods, and general manufacturing.
Kent.....	Manufacturing furniture.
Mason and others.....	Manufacturing and selling lumber, timber, etc.
Oceana.....	Manufacture and sale of timber, lumber, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacture and sale of chemicals and pharmaceuticals.
Wayne and Oakland.....	General ice business.
Kent.....	Manufacture, repair, and sale of furniture.
U. S. and Canada.....	Manufacturing and selling certain forks.
Menominee.....	Manufacturing lumber and mining iron ore.
Kalamazoo.....	Manufacturing and selling windmills.
St. Clair.....	Manufacturing and selling fire escape ladders.
Kent.....	Manufacture and sale of artificial stone.
Huron.....	Manufacture of lumber and salt, and other manuf'g purposes.
Ontonagon.....	Mining copper and other minerals.
Wayne.....	Iron mining.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Plutus mining co.	At mine and New York.
Pioneer iron co.	At mine.
Pontiac mining co.	At mine and Boston.
Pittsburgh and Boston mining co. of Pitts-	
burgh	Ontonagon and Cleveland.
Porcupine mountain mining co.	Detroit.
Portage mining co.	At mine and Boston.
Petherick mining co.	At mine.
Portage Lake mining co.	Detroit.
Presque Isle mining co.	
Pittsburgh and lake Angeline iron co. of	
Michigan	At mine and Pittsburgh.
Peninsula mining co.	Marquette.
Phoenix iron co. of Marquette	Detroit.
Plymouth Rock silver-lead mining co.	Houghton.
Pioneer silver and lead co.	Detroit.
Philadelphia and Boston mining co.	At mine and Philadelphia.
Portage Lake mining co.	Houghton.
Pacific mining co.	At mine.
Phoenix copper co.	Town Eagle River and Boston.
Pilgrim mining co.	Houghton co.
Pittsburgh and lake Superior iron co.	At mine and Pittsburgh.
Portage Lake smelting works.	At works and Boston.
Porcupine silver mining co.	Humbolt.
Pioneer tribute co.	Hancock.
Park silver mining co.	St. Joseph and Salt Lake.
Portage lake blast furnace co.	At works.
Pewabic mining co.	At mine.
Portage-Albion mining co.	At mine and New York.
Pittsburgh silver co.	Marquette.
Port Hope salt co.	Port Hope.
Portsmouth salt co.	Portsmouth.
Queen of the west silver mining and mill-	
ing co.	Detroit.
Quincy mining co.	Portage Lake and Boston.
Quinnesec iron mining co.	Detroit and Milwaukee.
Reynolds rotary fruit evaporating co.	Detroit.
Rasin union cheese manufacturing co.	Rasin.
Robison lumber co.	Robinson.
Royal Oak manufacturing co.	Royal Oak.
Republic malt and brewing co.	Detroit.
Rodgers' iron manufacturing co.	Muskegon.
Richardson match company of Detroit	Detroit.
Reading manufacturing co.	Reading.
Royal Oak mining co.	Ishpeming.
Republic mining co.	Marquette and New York.
Riverside iron co.	At mine and Pittsburgh.
Royale copper co.	Marquette.
Ripley copper co.	At mines.
Rockland mining co.	At mine and Boston.
Roanoke mining co.	At mine and Boston.
Ridge copper co.	Greenland and New York.
Reliance mining co.	Keweenaw co. and New York.
Resolute mining co.	At mine and Philadelphia.
Republic mining co.	At mine and New York.
Rhode Island mining co.	At mine and New York.
Raynbault mining co.	Houghton and Boston.
Bird mining co.	Houghton co.
Reindeer mining co.	Houghton co.
Republic iron co.	Marquette.
Rockland land and mining co.	Rockland.
Rochester salt and lumber co.	At works.
Republic silver mining co.	Marquette.
St. Joseph basket and manufacturing co.	St. Joseph.
Stearns manufacturing co.	Grand Haven.
Superior land and manufacturing co.	Iron Center.
St. Johns manufacturing co.	St. Johns.
St. Clair brick manufacturing co.	St. Clair.
Stronach lumber co.	Stronach.
Spring Lake branch of the Alden fruit pre-	
serving co.	Spring Lake.
Saginaw salt co.	East Saginaw.
Saugatuck lumber co.	Saugatuck.
Spring lake salt co.	Spring Lake.
St. Clair city salt co.	
Sturgis manufacturing co.	Sturgis.
Sturgeon river lumber co.	Hancock.

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Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing copper, iron, silver, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining and manufacturing iron ore.
.....	Mining copper and other ores and minerals.
Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Houghton and Wayne.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper and other metals.
Houghton.....	General mining.
Houghton.....	Mining and smelting copper, iron, and silver minerals and ore.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper and other metals and ore.
Keweenaw.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores.
Marquette.....	Iron mining and manufacturing, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, lead, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron ore and iron.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining silver, iron, lead, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining silver, copper, and lead.
Keweenaw.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining silver and silver ores, etc.
Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Keweenaw.....	Mining, smelting, and manuf'g ores, minerals, and metals.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining iron or other ores, metals, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and transporting, and selling ores.
Houghton.....	Mining for copper, iron, silver, and other ores.
Utah Territory.....	Working mines and tunnels.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining iron, copper, silver, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing copper, iron, and silver.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, mineral ores, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, stamping, smelting and producing silver, etc.
Huron.....	Manufacture salt.
Bay.....	Manufacture salt.
Utah Territory.....	Mining, milling, and smelting silver ores.
Menominee.....	Mine, transport, and sell iron ore.
Entire State.....	Manufacture, sell, and operate fruit evaporators.
Lenawee.....	Manufacture and sale of cheese.
Ottawa.....	Manufacture and sale of lumber.
Oakland.....	Manufacturing furniture, etc.
.....	Manufacture and sale of malt, lager beer, etc.
Muskegon.....	Purchase, manufacture and sale of iron machinery, engines, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacture and sale of friction, lucifer, and other forms of matches.
Hillsdale.....	Manufacture of sash, doors, blinds, chairs, etc.
Territory Colorado.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	Mining silver and copper, and smelting the same.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron, etc.
Isle Royal.....	Mining for copper and other minerals.
Houghton.....	Copper, iron and silver mining.
Upper Peninsula.....	Working mines for the production of copper.
Ontonagon.....	Mining copper, iron, silver and other minerals.
Upper Peninsula.....	Mining copper or other ores or minerals.
Keweenaw.....	Mining copper or other ores or minerals.
Keweenaw.....	Mining for copper or for other ores and minerals.
Ontonagon.....	Mine, smelt and refine copper and other metals.
Houghton.....	General mining.
.....	Mining copper, iron, silver and other minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and refining of copper, copper ore and other metals.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and refining of copper, copper ore and other metals.
Marquette.....	Mining iron ore or other ores or metals.
Houghton and Marquette.....	Mining for iron, copper, silver and other ores or minerals.
Saginaw.....	Manufacture salt and lumber.
.....	Mining, etc.
Berrien.....	Manufacture and sell baskets and wooden ware.
Schoolcraft.....	Manufacturing saw mills and other machinery.
Clinton and Gratiot.....	Manufacturing stoves, nails and other articles.
St. Clair.....	Manufacture of all kinds of wood work and iron work.
Manistee and others.....	Manufacture and sale of brick.
.....	Manufacture and sale of lumber, etc.
Ottawa.....	Buying, selling and preparing vegetables, etc.
Saginaw and others.....	Manufacture and sell salt.
Allegan.....	Manufacturing and selling lumber, etc.
Ottawa.....	Manufacturing salt.
St. Clair.....	Manufacturing salt.
St. Joseph.....	Manufacture of cabinet ware and furniture.
Houghton.....	Manufacture and sale of lumber, lath, shingles.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Stimson & Clark manufacturing co.....	Big Rapids.....
St. Johns land and manufacturing co.....	St. Johns.....
St. Joseph Valley manufacturing co.....	Three Rivers.....
Springwells brick and tile co.....	Springwells.....
Stick spring bed co.....	Kalamazoo.....
Superior foundry co.....	Ishpeming.....
Seed-sower manufacturing co.....	Grand Rapids.....
S. N. Wilcox lumbering co.....	Morgan.....
Silver islet smelting co. of Wyandotte.....	Detroit.....
Spring Brook cheese factory.....	At factory.....
Saginaw barrel co.....	East Saginaw.....
Saginaw land, brown stone, and copper mining co.....	East Saginaw.....
Superior slate and mining co.....	Township L'Anse and New York.....
Shawmut mining co.....	Detroit.....
Star copper co.....	At mine and Boston.....
Southeast cliff mining co.....	Detroit.....
Shelden mining co.....	At mine.....
Silver Creek mining co.....	At mine, Boston.....
Suffolk mining co.....	Houghton, Buffalo.....
South-side mining co.....	At mine, Boston.....
Seneca mining co.....	At mine, New York.....
Saginaw salt manufacturing co.....	East Saginaw.....
Summit mining company.....	At mine and Cleveland.....
Shuman silver mining co.....	Marquette county and Cleveland.....
Silver lake mining co.....	Houghton.....
St. Mary's copper mining co.....	At mine and Boston.....
St. Louis copper co.....	At mine and Boston.....
Shelden and Columbian copper co.....	Town of Houghton, and New York.....
South cliff mining co.....	At mine and Philadelphia.....
Silas C. Smith's iron mining co.....	Sharpsville, Pa.....
Spurr and Calhoun mining co of Negaunee.....	Green Bay, Wis., and Negaunee.....
Summit copper mining co.....	At mine.....
Shenango iron co.....	At mine.....
Standard ore co.....	At mine, and Youngstown, Ohio.....
Superior mining co.....	At mine and Boston.....
Schoolcraft mining co.....	Houghton and New York.....
Summit mining co.....	At mines and Boston.....
Sharon mining co.....	Pewabic and New York.....
Sanford mining co.....	Houghton county and New York.....
Sylvan copper co.....	At mines.....
Sales land and mining co.....	Ontonagon, or at mine.....
Stonington mining co.....	In Houghton county, and Stoughton, Conn.....
South Pewabic copper co.....	At mine.....
St. Joseph sewing machine manuf'g co.....	St. Joseph.....
Silver river graphite co.....	L'Anse, or Chicago.....
Salina salt manuf'g co. of Saginaw.....	Saginaw.....
Saginaw Valley salt co.....	East Saginaw.....
Sedgwick mining co.....	Marquette and New York.....
Sefton mining co.....	Twp. of Rockland.....
Shirley mining co.....	At mine and Boston.....
St. Clair mining co.....	At mine and Boston.....
Scranton silver mining co.....	At mines and Scranton, Pa.....
Silver River slate and mining co.....	L'Anse or Chicago.....
Simpson mining, milling and tunnel co.....	Coldwater and Georgetown, Col.....
Stamford mining co.....	At mine and New York.....
Superior silver mining co.....	Marquette.....
Steward iron mining co.....	At mine and New York.....
Shawmut silver mining co.....	East Saginaw.....
South Shore silver mining co.....	Marquette.....
Saginaw mining co.....	At mines and Cleveland, Ohio.....
Spurr mountain iron co.....	Detroit.....
Sumner mining co.....	In Houghton co.....
Sherman mining co.....	In Houghton co.....
Schoolcraft iron co.....	In Marquette co.....
Silver mountain mining co.....	Negaunee.....
Seneca mining co.....	At mine and New York.....
Springfield and Boston copper mining co.....	At mine.....
Springfield mining co.....	At mine.....
Sawabic mining co.....	At mine.....
Shamus O'Brien mining co.....	Ishpeming.....
Toltec consolidated mining co.....	Boston.....
Tremont mining co.....	At mines and Boston.....
Toledo salt manufacturing co.....	Florence.....
Teal Lake iron mining co.....	In township of Marquette and New York.....
Trout River mining co.....	Houghton.....
Torch Lake mining co.....	At mine and Boston.....
Tioga manufacturing co.....	Big Rapids.....

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Mecosta.....	Purchase, manufacture, and sale of lumber.
Clinton.....	Manufacture of lumber, etc.
St. Joseph.....	General manufacturing.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of brick and tile.
.....	Manufacture and sale of bed-bottoms.
Marquette.....	Operating a foundry and machine shop.
Kent.....	Manufacture and sale of broadcast seed sowers.
Newargo.....	Manufacture, purchase, and sale of pine and other timber.
Wayne.....	Smelting of silver and other ores.
Oakland.....	Manufacturing cheese, etc.
Saginaw.....	Manufacture of and dealing in barrels.
Isle Royal.....	Mining copper and other minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining, quarrying, and manufacturing slate.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron, copper, silver, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron, copper, silver, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining iron, copper, silver, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, iron, silver, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining copper, iron, silver, and other minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, copper ores, and other metals.
Houghton.....	Mining copper and other ores and minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper or other ores and minerals.
Saginaw.....	Manufacturing salt.
Ontonagon.....	Mining copper and other minerals.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, refining, and manufacturing silver, lead, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, and refining silver, lead, and other metals, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining copper, iron, silver, and other ores and minerals.
Houghton.....	Mining copper, iron, silver, and other minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	General mining.
Keweenaw.....	Mining, smelting, and refining copper, silver, and other ores, etc.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing iron, etc.
Marquette.....	Iron mining.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron, and silver minerals and ores.
Marquette.....	General mining and smelting, and manufacturing iron.
Marquette.....	Mining iron ores and minerals, etc.
Ontonagon.....	Copper mining.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron, and silver minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Houghton.....	Mining of copper, iron, silver minerals and ores.
.....	Mining and smelting of copper, iron, silver minerals and ores.
Houghton.....	Mining, etc., copper, and copper and silver ore, and silver.
Houghton.....	General mining.
Berrien.....	Manufacturing the Chicagonian sewing machine.
Baraga.....	General mining, etc.
Saginaw.....	Manufacturing salt.
Saginaw.....	Manufacturing salt.
Marquette.....	General mining.
Upper Peninsula.....	" "
Ontonagon.....	" "
Keweenaw.....	" "
Ontonagon.....	Mining and smelting silver and copper.
Baraga.....	Mining, etc.
Clear Creek co., State of Colorado.....	Silver mining and smelting.
Keweenaw.....	General mining and smelting.
.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing.
Houghton.....	Iron mining and manufacturing, etc.
Little Cottonwood mining district, Territory of Utah.....	Mining and smelting silver ore.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing.
Marquette, Delta, and Menominee.....	" " " "
Houghton.....	Iron mining.
".....	Mining and smelting.
".....	" " " "
Philadelphia, Pa.....	General mining, etc.
Ontonagon and Marquette.....	Mining, smelting, refining, etc.
Houghton.....	General mining.
Houghton and Keweenaw.....	" "
Houghton.....	" "
.....	Mining and smelting.
Colorado.....	General mining.
Ontonagon.....	Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron, copper, and silver.
Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Saginaw.....	Manufacture of salt.
Marquette.....	General mining.
Marquette.....	General mining and smelting.
Houghton.....	General mining and smelting.
Mecosta.....	Manufacturing lumber, timber, wood work, flour, and feed.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Tomahawk copper co.	Houghton and New York
Three Rivers manufacturing co.	Three Rivers
Thayer medicine association.	Lansing
Three Rivers pulp co.	Three Rivers
Thorley horse and cattle food co.	Jackson
Union salt manufacturing co.	East Saginaw
Union salt manufacturing co.	Saginaw
Union copper land and mining co. of Mich.	In Ontonagon co. and Boston
Upland mining co.	At mines
Union gold co.	Houghton
Union copper co. of Lake Superior	At mine
Upland mining co.	At mine
United States car-starter manufacturing co.	Detroit
Utah smelting co.	Jackson
Utica cheese manufacturing association.
Union iron co. of Detroit.	Detroit
Union store co.	Ishpeming
Union stove and chair co.	Grand Rapids
Underwood manufacturing co.	Kalamazoo
Upton manufacturing co.	Battle Creek
Union elevator co. of Grand Rapids, Mich.	Grand Rapids
Union mills co. of Detroit.	Detroit
Union iron co.	Wayne
Union cheese manufacturing co.	Atlas
Victoria mining co.	At mines and Boston
Vulcan mining co.	At mines and Philadelphia, Pa.
Valjean mining co.	Houghton and New York
Valley copper co.	Eagle River
Victory bowl mill co.	Victory
Winthrop mining co.	Boston
Ward mining co.	Detroit
West Minnesota mining co.	At mine
What cheer mining co.	At mine
Windsor mining co.	Town of Pewabic and New York
Wyandotte rolling mill co.	Wyandotte and Detroit
Wankulla mining co.	At mine and Winona, Minn.
W. A. Berkey & co.	Grand Rapids
Wayne co. salt manufacturing co.	Detroit and East Saginaw
Washington copper co.	At mine and Boston
Watson iron co.	At mine and Pittsburg, Pa.
Wayland wood manufacturing co.	Wayland
Williams' continuous spinner co.	Coldwater
Williamston coal co.	Williamston and Youngstown, Ohio
Wisconsin lead mining co. of Detroit.	Detroit
Willard improved barrel co. of Grand Rapids, Michigan.	Grand Rapids
Wonderly lumber co.	Grand Rapids
Walpole iron co.	Marquette and Boston
Widdicomb furniture co.	Grand Rapids
Walker McGraw co.	Detroit
Western sub-marine and wrecking co.	Fruitport and Chicago
White feather lumber co.	Bay City
Wyoming mills plaster co. of Grandville, Michigan.	Grandville, Kent co.
Wolverine ice co.	Detroit
Wagar lumber co.	Muir
Wasepi fruit preserving and manuf'g co.	Wasepi
Wolverine silver co.	Negaunee
Western advertising co.	Detroit
Williamston stove co.	Williamston
Webster City gold and silver mining co.	Negaunee
Western Railway advertising co.	Detroit
Waukegan copper co.	Near mines and New York
Winona mining co. of Michigan.	At mine and Philadelphia, Pa.
Washington iron co.	Marquette
Wyandotte mining co. of Michigan.	At mine and Philadelphia, Pa.
Wadsworth mining co.	Marquette
Wyoming mining co. of Michigan.	At mine and Philadelphia, Pa.
Wilder planing machine company.	Detroit
Western salt company.	East Saginaw and New York
Woolen manufacturing co. of Matherton.	Matherton
Wilder hoop machine co. of Detroit.	Detroit

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Houghton.....	General mining.
St. Joseph.....	Machine, foundry, and general manufacturing business.
United States.....	Manufacture of medicines, perfumeries, oils, and extracts.
St. Joseph.....	Manufacture of straw pulp.
Jackson.....	Compounding material for feeding and medicinal purposes.
.....	Manufacture of salt.
Saginaw.....	" " "
{ Keweenaw, Houghton and On- tonagon.....	Copper, iron, and silver mining and smelting.
Houghton.....	General mining and smelting.
Marquette.....	" " " "
Ontonagon.....	" " " "
Houghton.....	" " " "
Wayne.....	Manufacturing car starters.
{ Jackson and Salt Lake co., Utah Territory.....	{ Mining, smelting, and manufacturing iron and other metals, salt, coal, lime, limestone, manganese, soda in its various forms, and all kinds of chemicals, etc.
Macomb.....	Manufacture of cheese, butter, etc.
.....	Manufacturing and smelting of iron.
Kent and Ionia.....	Purchase and sale of all kinds of merchandise.
Kalamazoo.....	Manufacturing chairs and cooperage.
Calhoun.....	Manufacture of shirts.
Kent.....	Manufacturing threshing machines, sewing machines, etc.
.....	Dealing in grain, and manufacturing and dealing in fuel, flour, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing flour, etc.
.....	Manufacture and smelting of iron in its various branches.
Genesee.....	Manufacturing cheese.
Ontonagon.....	General mining.
Keweenaw.....	General mining and smelting.
Lake Superior mining district.....	" " " "
Keweenaw.....	General mining, smelting, and manufacturing.
Mason.....	Manufacturing bowls, etc.
Houghton.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing copper, iron, and silver.
Ontonagon.....	General mining and smelting.
".....	" " " "
".....	" " " "
Wayne.....	Refining and manufacturing iron and other ores.
Ontonagon.....	General mining and smelting.
Kent.....	Manufacturing building material, etc.
Saginaw.....	Manufacture of salt.
Keweenaw.....	General mining.
Marquette.....	General mining and smelting.
Allegan.....	Manufacture of furniture, implements, tools, etc.
Branch.....	Manuf'g Williams' improvement in spinning machinery.
Ingham and others.....	Mining and manufacturing mineral coal, etc.
Grant Co., Wisconsin.....	Mining and manufacturing lead.
Kent.....	Manufacture the Willard improved barrel, etc.
.....	General lumbering business.
Marquette and Menominee.....	Mining and manufacturing iron.
Kent.....	Manufacture of furniture.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of tobacco.
.....	Sub-marine mining, raising sunken vessels, etc.
Bay.....	Manuf're of lumber, hoops, lath, staves, shingles, pickets, etc.
Kent.....	Mining and dealing in plaster and stucco.
Wayne.....	Put up and sell ice.
Ionia, Montcalm, and Gratiot.....	Buy and sell lumber, shingles, etc.
.....	Preparing animal and vegetable substances and for manufac- turing wood work, woolen and cotton goods, etc.
Marquette, Ontonagon, Houghton, Baraga, and others.....	Mining, smelting, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing frames, cards, etc.; for advertising medicines, for contracting for and leasing space for advertisements, etc.
Ingham.....	Manufacturing staves, cooperage, and coopers' materials.
Colorado.....	General mining.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of ornamental frames, signs and placards, and selling the same, and for general advertising purposes.
Ontonagon.....	Copper mining.
Ontonagon.....	General mining and smelting.
Marquette.....	Mining, smelting and manufacturing iron and other ores.
Houghton.....	General mining and smelting.
Houghton.....	" " " "
Keweenaw.....	" " " "
Saginaw.....	Manf'g A. A. Wilder's pat. clapboard and planing machine, etc.
Ionia.....	Manufacture of salt and lumber.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing woolen cloth, etc.
.....	Manufacture of Aretus A. Wilder's patent hoop machines.

NAMES.	LOCATION OF BUSINESS OFFICE.
Whetstone Brooks iron company	Marquette
Whipple manufacturing co.	Detroit
Wyando agricultural works	Wyandotte
Wynkoop double power water wheel man- ufacturing co.	Detroit
Weber furniture co.	Detroit
Wyandotte silver smelting and refining co.	Detroit
Winthrop iron co.	Marquette
Wendigo mining co.	Marquette
Ward air-brake co.	Paw Paw and Kalamazoo
Wyandotte city flouring mill co.	Wyandotte
Williams iron co.	Negaunee
Wyoming plaster co.	Grand Rapids
Wait manufacturing co.	Grand Haven
Yellowstone mining co. Michigan	At mine, and Philadelphia, Pa.
Ypsilanti woolen manufacturing co.	Ypsilanti
Ypsilanti lever-beater hay press and cider manufacturing co.	Ypsilanti
Ypsilanti whip socket manufacturing co.	Ypsilanti
Ypsilanti paper co.	Ypsilanti
Zilwaukee salt manufacturing co.	Zilwaukee

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the report be referred to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to report to the Senate which, if any, of the incorporated companies have failed to make reports to the Secretary of State as required by law;

Which motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, Feb. 10, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following joint resolution:

House joint resolution No. 14 (printed No. 7), entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the erection of a light house and steam fog signal on Stannard's Rock, Lake Superior,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. Baxter moved that the rule, requiring the second and third reading of bills and joint resolutions to be on different days, be suspended, and the joint resolution be placed on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,
Andrus,
Baxter,

Mr. Foote,
Freeman,
Jenney,

Mr. Morse,
Osborn,
Packard,

Mr. Redfield,
Shoemaker,
Waterbury,

COUNTIES IN WHICH BUSINESS IS TO BE CARRIED ON.	PURPOSE FOR WHICH ORGANIZED.
Marquette.....	General mining and manufacturing.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of spring beds, car seats, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing agricultural implements, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing water-wheels, etc.
Wayne.....	Manufacture of furniture, etc.
Wayne.....	Smelting.
Upper Peninsula.....	Iron mining, etc.
U. S.	General mining, smelting, and manufacturing.
Wayne.....	Manufacturing Ward's compressed air brakes.
Upper Peninsula.....	Manufacturing flour, meal, etc.
Kent.....	General mining and smelting.
Ottawa.....	Mining and manufacturing plaster and stucco.
Marquette.....	Manufacturing wooden-ware, hand-rakes, corn-planters, etc.
Washtenaw.....	General mining and smelting.
".....	Manufacturing woolen goods and general milling and lumbering.
".....	Buying, pressing, and bailing hay, etc.
".....	Manufacturing whip sockets.
".....	Manufacturing paper.
Saginaw and adjoining.....	Manufacture of salt.

Mr. Breitung,
Burch,
D. R. Cook,

Mr. Markey,
McElroy,
Morgan,

Mr. Perrin,
Read,

Mr. Wilcox,
Williams,

NAYS.

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Title and preamble agreed to.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 10, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:
Senate bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to define the powers and duties of officers authorized to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity, and to prescribe the notice to be given in such cases,

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same as follows:

1. Amend section 3 by adding to the end thereof the following: "But shall not be required to post any notice of such adjourned sale except at the place where said sale is to be made."

2. Amend section 5 by striking out of line 2 the words "or otherwise than."

3. Amend the bill by adding thereto the following, to stand as section 7:

"Sec. 7. The circuit court commissioner, or any other officer or person, giving notice of sale under this act, shall be allowed the following fees for posting such notice: when the notice is only required to be posted in the township or city where the sale is to take place, one dollar; when said notice is also required to be posted in the township where the property is located, two dollars, and in addition thereto ten cents a mile for travelling by the nearest travelled route."

4. Amend the bill by adding thereto the following, to stand as section 8:

"Sec. 8. All the lawful fees allowed under this act shall be added as costs to the amount due upon said decree or final order;

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,
The bill and accompanying amendments were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 10, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 86 (printed No. 36), entitled

A bill to amend sections 153, 155, and 156, of act 169, session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to provide for the uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon, being compiler's sections 1119, 1121 and 1122 of compiled laws of 1871,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, February 12, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Messrs. Burleigh, Wm. Cook, Perrin, Rankin, and Wilcox.

Mr. Read asked and obtained leave of absence for Messrs. Wm. Cook, Rankin, and Perrin for the forenoon.

Mr. Morse asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Burleigh for the day.

Mr. Freeman asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Foote for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: Resolutions of the State Grange upon the rates of interest.

Mr. Read moved that the resolutions be printed at length in the journal;

Which motion prevailed.

The following are the resolutions referred to:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grange the Legislature at its next session should so amend the law with reference to taking of usurious interest, either directly or indirectly, by penalty or forfeiture of interest, or otherwise, as will more effectually correct this evil;

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grange seven per cent is as high an interest as the agriculturists of this State can safely pay;

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Grange is hereby instructed to engross the foregoing resolutions, cause them to be signed by the Master and Secretary, and duly presented to the Legislature at its next annual session.

The resolutions were referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

By Mr. Breitung: Petition of Peter Hombach and 66 other residents of Point St. Ignace, Mackinaw county, relative to the qualifications of school district officers;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By the same: Petition of Wm. C. Macomber, acting mayor, the members of the common council, and many other citizens of the city of Negaunee, relative to the enlargement of the corporate limits of said city:

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the safety of persons attending public assemblies,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 84 of chapter 6 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to holding general and special elections, the same being compiler's section 115,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend section 84 of chapter 6 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to holding general and special elections, the same being compiler's section 115,

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 35 (printed No. 3), entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of lodges of Knights of Pythias, Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The recommendation of the committee was concurred in and the bill was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Read moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 37, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the State Normal School.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The further consideration of the bill was made the special order for three o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, February 13, 1877.

Mr. Morse gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 32, session laws of 1873, relative to aid to the University of Michigan. .

Mr. Breitung gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to enlarge the corporate limits of the city of Negaunee.

Mr. McElroy offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on judiciary be and they are hereby instructed to investigate and ascertain whether any change in the laws, or any new law is necessary, to enable cities to open and extend streets legally, and to report by bill or otherwise;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McElroy gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to protect travel on public highways;

Also,

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act relative to laying out, altering and discontinuing highways," being chapter 26 of compiled laws of 1871, by adding thereto a new section, to stand as section 20.

Also,

A bill to amend section 1 of act number 197 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to amend section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the salaries of judges of probate." And also to amend section 2 of act number 140 of the session laws of the year 1873, entitled "An act to amend sections 2 and 8 of an act entitled 'An act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1846, being chapter 175 [239] of the compiled laws of 1871, and to authorize the salaries of judges of probate,' approved February 15, 1859, being sections 7436 and 7439 of the compiled laws of 1871. And also to amend section 7437, chapter 239, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the salaries of judges of probate.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 6 of chapter 45, of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 4208 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the fees of attorneys in the foreclosure of mortgages.

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 8 of chapter 21, and recited section 974 of the compiled laws of 1871, and section 8, of act No. 156, of session laws of 1875, relative to taxation of shares in national banks.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 5 of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Packard, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to change the name of the township of Deerfield, in Van Buren county, from Deerfield to Covert.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 42, entitled

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 154, of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7599, of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to maliciously injuring houses or other buildings, etc.,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Markey,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 73 (printed No. 22), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 55 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1984, relating to the observance of the first day of the week;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Markey,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 58 (printed No. 21), entitled

A bill to legalize the special assessments and tax rolls of the village of Northville, county of Wayne, for the years 1875 and 1876 ;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus.	Freeman,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Markey,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,	20

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Adair moved that the bill be ordered to take immediate effect ;

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members elect not voting therefor.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Osborn in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report :

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill :

1. House bill No. 33 (printed No. 10), entitled

A bill to change the name of Agnes B. Frye, Francis W. Frye, Jennie M. Frye, Margaret S. Frye, Grace B. Frye, Agnes J. Frye, John E. Frye, and Hampton R. Frye, to surname of Stevens ;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

2. Senate bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18th, 1871 ;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on public health.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

3. Senate bill No. 43, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 5, of article 14, and sections 2 and 3 of article 15, of act No. 290 of the session laws of 1867, being an act to incorporate the village of St. Johns,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

R. H. OSBORN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the second named bill was referred to the committee on public health.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the third named bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate took a recess until half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Burch: Memorial of the president and common council of the village of Newaygo, against the application of the saloon tax to the county poor fund;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Houghton county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to improve that portion of the L'Anse bay and State line State road lying between the eastern boundary line of the village of Houghton and the line dividing the counties of Houghton and Baraga,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on canals and river and harbor improvements:

The committee on canals and river and harbor improvements, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 5 (printed No. 3), entitled

A joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a lighthouse on the point of Little Traverse harbor, in the county of Emmet, Michigan,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FITCH R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 6, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

1. House bill No. 81 (printed No. 29), entitled

A bill to amend section 5654 of compiled laws of 1871, being sections 4 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a State reporter," approved April 17, 1871,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on state affairs.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Waterbury gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the East Saginaw, Vassar and Sanilac Plank Road Company to discontinue certain portions of said road.

Mr. Redfield gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the city of Monroe to erect and maintain water-works, and to provide means therefor.

Mr. Burch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the examination, appointment, and compensation, and to define the powers and duties of county superintendents of schools, and to repeal act number 42 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act to amend sections 8 and 14, and to repeal section 13 of chapter 12 of the compiled laws of 1871, being consecutive sections 643, 648, and 649, relating to the powers and duties of townships, and election and duties of township officers, and to add eight new sections thereto, to stand as sections 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, repealing chapter 139 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to county superintendent of schools.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution to authorize the Board of State Auditors of this State, to discharge from record a certain indenture of mortgage, executed by Edmund H. Hazelton, Clarinda B. Hazelton, and G. M. Dewey, to the people of the State of Michigan, and dated January 4th, 1860.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Freeman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend act number 82 of the session laws of 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on insurance.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 12, of chapter 218 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 6923, relative to the fees of register of deeds in proceedings upon the redemption of real estate sold upon mortgage foreclosure;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 5545 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace;

Also,

A bill establishing the time for fixing the salaries of county officers.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

1. House bill No. 33 (printed No. 10), entitled

A bill to change the names of Agnes B. Frye, Francis W. Frye, Jennie M. Frye, Margaret S. Frye, Grace B. Frye, Agnes J. Frye, John E. Frye, and Hampton R. Frye, to the surname of Stevens;

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,
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NAYS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Redfield,
Wm. Cook,			
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Mr. Burch moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was laid on the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Burch in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 45, entitled

A bill to amend section 1, of chapter 10, of act No. 62, of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages,"

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 46, entitled

A bill to repeal section 1 of chapter 10 of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875,

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

MARSDEN C. BURCH, *Chairman*.

The last named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, in striking out all after the enacting clause, in the first named bill.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The enacting clause was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, February 13, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Parsons.

Roll called : a quorum present.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hinchman indefinitely on account of sickness.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read : Petition of C. B. Allen and 40 other citizens of Kalamazoo county praying against the injustice of sustaining one school of medicine by the State to the exclusion of another, at the State University :

Referred to the committee on the University.

By Mr. Morgan : Memorial of Henry C. Lewis, of Coldwater, Michigan, relative to defective accommodations provided for public travel by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad ;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. Rankin : Memorial of the President and Board of Trustees forming the Common Council of the village of Fenton, Genesee county, against any change in the disposition now provided by law of moneys arising from the tax on the sale of liquor ;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same : Remonstrance of Charles H. Turner, A. W. Wood, J. E. Bussey, Dexter Horton, E. M. Adams, and 77 others, citizens of Fenton, Genesee county, against transferring to the county treasuries, to be controlled by boards of supervisors, moneys received by corporations and municipalities for liquor taxes ;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1788 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, relative to establishing water courses and locating ditches and drains,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to reorganize and provide for a State Board of Equalization.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for recording the pedigree of horses,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was re-referred

Senate bill No. 11, entitled

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871 relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages,

Which the House amended as follows:

1. By striking out of recited section 45, commencing in line 7, the words "and that the estate of said mortgagee or assignee has no legal representatives," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and that at least three months have elapsed since the death of the deceased, and that the names and residences of the legal representatives, if any there are, of the mortgagee or assignee, are unknown to the petitioner;"

2. By adding to the end of the section the following: "such certificate may be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of any county where the lands described in the mortgage are situated, in a book to be provided by such register, at the expense of the county; such record shall have the same effect as evidence and notice as the record of deeds and mortgages;"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, recommending that the first named amendment made to the bill by the House be amended so that it should be as follows:

1. By striking out of recited section 45, commencing in line 7, the words, "and that the estate of said mortgagee or assignee has no legal representatives," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and that at least three months have elapsed since the death of the deceased, and that the names and residences of the legal representatives, if any there are, of the mortgagee or assignee, are unknown to the petitioner, and that he has been unable to ascertain the same, after diligent search and inquiry,"

And recommending further that second amendment made to the bill by the House be non-concurred in by the Senate, as in the opinion of your commit-

tee such amendment is unnecessary, there being provision for record of such certificates, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question occurring on concurring to the amendments made to the bill by the House,

Mr. Baxter called for a division.

The question first being on concurring in the first named amendment,

Mr. Baxter moved that said amendment be amended in accordance with the recommendation of the committee;

Which motion prevailed.

The amendment made to the bill by the House as thus amended, was then concurred in, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	

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The question then being upon concurring in the second amendment made to the bill by the House,

The same was not concurred in by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	

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By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7980 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to inquests, being section 11, of chapter 167, of the revised statutes of 1846,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee. The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced a message from the Governor upon executive business.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The message was referred to the committee on executive business.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Redfield gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the distribution of the Legislative Manual of 1877.

Mr. Burch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 152 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 29, 1875, and also to amend sections 10, 11, and 12, of chapter 218, being sections 6921, 6922, and 6923, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to foreclosure by advertisement.

Mr. Wilcox gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prevent betting upon the result of any political nomination, appointment, or election.

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to extend the time for collecting of taxes in the township of Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1876.

Mr. McElroy gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 89, 91, 95, 156, 157, 158 and 159 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of St. Clair," approved March 18th, 1863.

Mr. Adair gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide a contingent fund for certain township purposes.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend "An act to prevent the sale or delivery of intoxicating liquors, wine, and beer to minors, and to drunken persons, and to habitual drunkards; and to provide a remedy against selling liquor to husbands or children in certain cases," approved May 3, 1875.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 138, approved April 27th, 1875, being an act to amend sections 1, 2, and 3 of chapter sixty-five of an act entitled an act to authorize dissection in certain cases for the advancement of science, being sections 2110, 2111, 2112 of the compiled laws of 1871.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7960 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to trials in criminal cases.

Mr. Jenney gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 181 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5674, concerning courts and the powers and duties of certain judicial officers.

Mr. Wm. Cook gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act amendatory of the several acts relating to the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, and the Albion Female Collegiate Institute," approved February 25, 1861, and March 2, 1865.

Mr. Burch offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That Dr. C. T. Wilbur, Superintendent of the Illinois Asylum for feeble-minded children of Jacksonville, Ill., and Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie, Bishop of Western Diocese of Michigan, be and are hereby invited to address the Legislature upon the subject of "Idiocy, and the treatment of Idiots;"

Which resolution was adopted.

Mr. Read moved to take from the table the following:

House bill No. 33 (printed No. 10), entitled

A bill to change the names of Agnes B. Frye, Francis W. Frye, Jennie M. Frye, Margaret S. Frye, Grace B. Frye, Agnes J. Frye, John E. Frye, and Hampton R. Frye, to the surname of Stevens;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, it was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Read,
Baxter,	Footo,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Williams,
Burch,	Markey,		

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Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Shoemaker,	4
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the selling of pools on elections and to prescribe a penalty therefor.

Mr. Adair moved that House bill No. 58 (printed No. 21), entitled

A bill to legalize the special assessments and tax rolls of the village of Northville, county of Wayne, for the years 1875 and 1876;

Passed by the Senate yesterday be ordered to take immediate effect.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members elect voting therefor.

Mr. Rankin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

Joint resolution to provide for a revision of the system of keeping State accounts.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. McElroy, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act relative to laying out, altering, and discontinuing highways," being chapter 26 of compiled laws of 1871, by adding thereto a new section, to stand as section 20;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1 of act number 197 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to amend section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the salaries of judges of probate." And also, to amend section 2 of act number 140 of the session laws of the year 1873, entitled "An act to amend sections 2 and 8 of an act entitled 'An act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1846, being chapter 175, [239] of the compiled laws of 1871, and to authorize the salaries of judges of probate,' approved February 15, 1859, being sections 7436 and 7469, of the compiled laws of 1871. And also to amend section 7437, chapter 2339, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the salaries of judges of probate.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Newcomb, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office, or other proper officer, to convey the south half of the southeast quarter of section sixteen in township number seven south of range six east to Johannes A. Lefever, assignee of primary school land certificate number seven thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Morse, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to repeal act No. 32, session laws of 1873, relative to aid to the University of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Mr. Breitung, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to enlarge the corporate limits of the city of Negaunee.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Wilcox, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to revise the laws providing for the registration of electors, and to provide for holding elections in certain cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the punishment of parents or guardians for brutal or inhuman treatment of their children or wards.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Wm. Cook, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 4 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the public schools in the city of Battle Creek," approved March 17, 1871, being act No. 490 of the session Laws of 1871, and to add three new sections thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

Mr. Burleigh, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the support and maintenance of the school of mines in the University of Michigan, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to organize a school of mines in the University of Michigan, the establishment of additional professorships, and making appropriations for maintenance of the same."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on mines, minerals, and mining interests, and appropriations and finance, jointly.

Mr. Rankin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill for the relief of certain officers of the 10th regiment Michigan volunteer infantry.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7806 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to general provisions concerning crimes and punishments.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1856, being section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to salary of judges of probate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Waterbury, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the East Saginaw, Vassar and Sanilac Plank Road Company to discontinue certain portions of said road.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 43, entitled

A bill to amend sections two and five, of article fourteen, and sections two and three of article fifteen, of act number two hundred and ninety of the session laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, being an act to incorporate the village of St. Johns,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,		27

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Perrin moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

"A bill to amend sections two and five, of article fourteen, and sections one, two, and three, of article fifteen, and section one, of article sixteen, of act number two hundred and ninety, of the session laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, being an act to incorporate the village of St. Johns,"

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 46, entitled

A bill to repeal section 1 of chapter 10, of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

The Senate went into committee of the whole, on the general order,

Mr. Waterbury in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

Senate bill No. 38, entitled

A bill requiring railroad corporations to give thirty days' notice previous to increasing rates of freight.

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate and ask leave to sit again.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

Leave was granted to the committee to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate took a recess until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State library :

The committee on State library to whom was referred a bill to provide for an assistant to the State Librarian and for the expense of removal of said library to the rooms designed therefor in the new Capitol building,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. J. REDFIELD, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on judiciary :

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 470 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on public health :

The committee on public health to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to amend sections 16, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18, 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. H. OSBORN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred the following portion of the retiring Governor's message, viz.:

"In this connection, I desire to call your especial attention to what to my mind is a matter of very great importance to the State, viz.: the manner in which the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway makes its reports for purposes of taxation, and the very small amount of taxes it pays, compared to other roads similarly situated. This Railway and the Michigan Central are organized under special charter; both of them are taxed by their charters three-fourths of one per cent. on the capital stock and bonded debt. In 1855, the Michigan Southern was consolidated with the Northern Indiana R. R. Co., and the act authorizing the consolidation provided for its taxation, as follows:

"Sec. 3. The said corporation so to be organized by virtue of this act, shall continue subject to the same rate of tax as though such consolidation should not take place; and the amount of its capital and loans hereafter, upon which such taxation shall be paid, *shall be such portion of the whole of its capital and loans as is actually employed in the State of Michigan*, to be ascertained on or before the first of January in each year by the Auditor General of this State, from the annual report of said corporation, or from such other reports on oath as he may deem necessary for such purpose, to be ordered by him from the office of such corporation."

"From that date until the present time their reports have been made up on the basis of \$27,300.00 per mile of stock and debt, and the tax has been \$205.00 per mile, or a gross amount of \$35,544.30 per annum; the number of miles of road in this State being 173. The Central and Southern roads are great trunk lines, and as through roads are of about equal value. The Southern reports the value of its road to be \$98,295.59 per mile; the Central reports \$111,298.04 per mile. The Central pays a tax of \$597.42 per mile to the State; the Southern pays a tax of \$205.00 per mile, a difference of nearly three hundred per cent., while the difference in value from their own reports is only twelve per cent.

"For purpose of illustration: in the year 1876 these two roads, under practically the same charters, both paying on the basis of the value of their property in the limits of the State, paid into the Treasury \$134,083.20 and \$35,544.30 respectively.

"Deducting the twelve per cent. difference in cost and value and the difference in mileage between the two roads, the Southern should have paid \$90,951.29, showing a loss to our revenue in this year alone of \$55,406.99.

"In 1872 this company reports to the Commissioner of Railroads, that the proportion of its value in Michigan was.....	\$16,509,318 00
"In 1873.....	17,339,882 00
"In 1874.....	17,046,036 00
"In 1875.....	19,455,913 00

"Yet for all these years they have reported their road to the Auditor General for *taxation* at a valuation of \$4,739,240.16 each year.

"While the value and taxation of this road has remained stationary, other roads under the same provisions of law, have reported an increased value and increased taxation each succeeding year. In the case of the Michigan Central the valuation and tax have nearly doubled in fifteen years.

"Which of these reports are we to believe? The reports of other roads—our own business judgment—the taxes paid in other states, are all evidences that the report made for taxation is incorrect. The total amount of taxes paid by the company in 1875 were \$483,700. Of this amount \$53,250 was paid in Michigan, or about one-ninth, though the proportionate value of the company's property in Michigan is about one-quarter of the whole. Our newer and poorer railway companies pay their taxes under the general railroad law. If the L. S. & M. S. paid under the provisions of this act, their tax would be \$397.64 per mile of road, or nearly double what they are now paying. The fact seems to be that this company has selected the 179 miles of road in this State as its poorest and least valuable property, and paid taxes on it accordingly. I can see no reason in law or equity for this. A railroad must be valued as a whole; as a continuity; the mile built over a prairie at a slight cost is as necessary to its operation as the mile constructed on a bridge at great expense. I am of the opinion that the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company should have paid the state in the last ten years at least \$300,000 more than they have; basing their taxation on a fair, equitable, honest basis under the law; and steps should be taken by the state to collect it. Able lawyers whom I have consulted assure me that it can be done. The state and company had some litigation years ago, on this subject, and the valuation was then fixed by the court; the whole history of which can be found in the report of the Auditor General for 1874, pp. 66–72, to which I beg to call your attention.

"I submit the matter for your consideration, believing that immediate action should be taken to secure payment of our just dues."

Would respectfully report that they have given the subject of the taxation of said road, and the supposed claim of the State against said company for unpaid taxes, very careful consideration, in which they have been greatly aided by the very full and complete history of the legislation and action of the courts in relation thereto, furnished by the railroad commissioner at the request of the Legislature, and which report of the R. R. Commissioner, so far as it relates to the subject matter, we embody herein as a part of this report:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS.

The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company operate a total of 1,175.39 miles of road. Of this, 230 is laid with double track, and 604 miles with steel rails, none of which is in Michigan. The length of road operated in Michigan is 403 miles, of which the

Detroit, Monroe & Toledo, 65 miles,

Kalamazoo, Allegan, & Grand Rapids, 58 miles,
Kalamazoo & White Pigeon, 38 miles,
Northern Central Michigan, 61 miles,
are organized under our general railroad law, and pay taxes in accordance with its provisions. They also operate the Erie & Kalamazoo, from Adrian to Toledo, chartered by an act approved April 22, 1833, and taxes for which are paid in accordance with its charter.

The above named companies paying taxes under general law and charter, the subject of their taxation is wholly outside of the question now under consideration.

There remains subject to the special charter provisions of the Michigan Southern R. R., the road from Monroe westward through Adrian to the State line, 129 miles, and from Palmyra to Jackson, 44 miles, a total of 173 miles; this being the line originally purchased from the State and subsequently completed. These two last mentioned lines of road comprise all the railroad referred to by Gov. Bagley in his discussion of the taxation of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, and in regard to the taxation of which litigation has already been had.

Sec. 31 of act No. 113 of 1846, being the original charter of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company, is as follows:

"Sec. 31. The said company shall pay to the State an annual tax of one-half of one per cent. upon the capital stock paid in, including the five hundred thousand dollars of purchase money paid, or to be paid to the State, until the first day of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and thereafter an annual tax of three-fourths of one per cent upon its capital stock paid in, including the five hundred thousand dollars of purchase money aforesaid, and also upon all loans made to said company, for the purpose of constructing said railroad, or purchasing, constructing, chartering, or hiring of steamboats authorized by this act to be held by said company, which tax shall be paid in the last week in January in each year to the State Treasurer and the property and effects of said company, whether real, personal or mixed, shall, in consideration thereof, be exempt from all and every other tax, charge and exaction by virtue of any laws of this State now or hereafter to be in force, except penalties by this act imposed."

Sec. 3 of act No. 138 of 1855, entitled "An act to authorize the Michigan Southern Railroad Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company," is as follows:

"Sec. 3. The said organization so to be organized, by virtue of this act, shall continue subject to the same rate of tax as though such consolidation should not take place; and the amount of its capital and loans hereafter, upon which such taxation shall be paid, shall be such portion of the whole of its capital and loans as is actually employed in the State of Michigan, to be ascertained on or before the first day of January in each year, by the Auditor General of this State, from the annual report of said corporation, or from such other reports on oath as he may deem necessary for such purpose, to be ordered by him from the office of such corporation."

The amount of tax paid by this company on the above mentioned portion of their road, and a history of the litigation which determined the amount of such tax, is found in the

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pp. cxvii-cxxii, and is as follows :

"The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company pay annually into the State Treasury, as the Specific tax required to be paid to the State by the charter of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company,¹ and the acts amendatory thereof,² as also by the act authorizing said Michigan Southern Railroad Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company,³—\$35,544.14 this tax being three-fourths of one per cent upon \$4,739,240.16, the amount as as determined by the courts upon which the said company should pay taxes to the State of Michigan.

The history of the litigation which resulted in the above determination is as follows :

By the report of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company, made to the Auditor General under date of March 4, 1856, the said company set forth—

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| 1. That the Capital Stock, by the books of the company, is... | \$2,625,600 00 |
| From which should be deducted this amount, being a bonus or dividend allowed by the company to the original purchasers of the road, no part of which was ever paid in, though standing on the books as a part of the Capital Stock..... | \$300,000 00 |

Making the amount of Capital Stock actually paid in, including the \$500,000 purchase money paid to the State.....	\$2,325,600 00
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| 2. That the am't of bonds issued amounted to. | \$2,500,000 00 |
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From which there should be deducted—for discount or loss in the sale of a portion of above bonds, whereby the amount of *loans made* to the company for the purpose of constructing, etc., was less than the am't of Bonds above stated by this sum, \$185,459 84

Also, Jackson Branch Bonds, which were issued in exchange for Bonds of another company (which latter Bonds are still held undisposed of, by the M. & N. I. R. R. Co.).....

250,000 00

435,459 84

2,064,540 16

Giving for amount upon which—as claimed by Company—

Specific Tax should be computed.....	\$4,390,140 16
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From the Report, however, the Auditor General "ascertained" the amount upon which Specific Tax should be computed, and the tax thereon as follows :

¹ Act No. 113, 1846, p. 170.

² Act No. 185, 1850, p. 185.

³ Act No. 138, 1855, p. 800.

Vide also laws of 1847, p. 217; 1840, pp. 139, 261; 1857, p. 493.

Capital Stock paid-in as claimed by company..	\$2,325,600 00	Tax	\$17,442 00
Bonus to original purchases of road.....	300,000 00	"	2,250 00
Bonds for purpose of construction, etc., as claimed by Company.....	2,064,540 16	"	15,484 05
Discount on Bonds sold by Company.....	185,459 84	"	1,390 95
Jackson Branch Bonds.....	250,000 00	"	1,875 00
Total.....	<u>\$5,125,600 00</u>		<u>\$38,442 00</u>

Of the amount of Specific tax found due from the Company as above \$34,735.24 was paid into the State Treasury, and the balance, \$3,706.76, the Company insisted was upon items for which it should not be taxed.

In June, 1856, action was commenced by the Attorney General, in the Circuit Court for the county of Lenawee, in behalf of the State, against the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company, to collect the said balance of \$3,706.76, which the company had refused to pay.¹ The questions of law arising in the case were reserved by the Circuit Judge for the consideration of the Supreme Court, where it was heard at the January term, 1857, and decided that the State was entitled to recover said balance.

In this case the Company claimed exemption from taxation on—

1. The bonus allowed the original purchasers of the road of.... \$300,000 00
2. The discount or loss from sale of Bonds..... 185,459 84
3. The Jackson Branch Bonds..... 250,000 00

After the hearing, the Supreme Court

Held—That each of said items constituted a proper basis for computing the Specific State Tax required by the charter of the Company to be assessed by the Auditor General.²

The amount—\$3,706 76— withheld by the company and awaiting the issue of the suit, was paid into the State Treasury in August, 1857.

Upon the determination of this case, the company at once raised other objections to the principles insisted upon by the Auditor General in assessing the Specific Tax upon it.³ Resting upon such objections the company refused to pay a portion of the specific tax assessed against it for the year 1859, and the matter was again taken before the courts for adjudication.

This Company now pays as the specific tax required by the charter of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company⁴ and the acts amendatory thereto,⁵ as also the act authorizing said Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company,⁶ \$35,544 16, being three-fourths of one per cent upon \$4,739,240 16. The amount upon which said specific tax is computed, was determined by the courts in the years 1862 and 1865.

The history of the litigation which resulted in the above determination is, briefly, as follows:

The report of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad Company, made to the Auditor General under date of January 12, 1859, and from which

¹ Report of Attorney General for 1858, p. 3.

² 4 Mich., 390.

³ Report of Attorney General, 1858, p. 3.

⁴ Act No. 113, 1846, p. 170.

⁵ Act No. 195, 1850, p. 195.

⁶ Act No. 138, 1855, 300. *Vide also* Laws of 1847, p. 217: *Ib.*, 1849, pp. 130, 261; *Ib.*, 1857, p. 403.

was to be derived the data upon which to compute the Specific State Tax to become due within the said month of January, 1859, included, among others, the following items, viz.:

1. The Capital Stock of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company paid in, up to the time of the passage of the Consolidation Act of February 13, 1855, including the \$500,000.00 of purchase money to the State, was.....	\$2,325,600 00
And a nominal Capital Stock, in addition thereto, of.....	300,000 00
2. The nominal amount of loans which at that date had been made to said Company for the purposes authorized by its charter, was.....	2,500,000 00
The actual amount of such loans realized and expended for such purposes was set forth in the Report of the Railroad Company, at....	\$2,064,540 16
3. The additional capital paid in to the consolidated company and employed in the State of Michigan during the year 1858,	49,100 00
Footing at.....	<u>\$5,174,700 00</u>

Section 3 of the above referred to act authorizing the consolidation of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Companies provides that the company to be formed from the consolidation authorized by said act, shall continue subject to the same rate of tax as though such consolidation should not take place; and the amount of its capital upon which such taxation should be paid, should be such portion of its capital and loans as is actually employed in the State of Michigan, to be ascertained on or before the first day of January of each year, by the Auditor General, from the annual reports of said railroad company.

In accordance with the above provision of the law under which the consolidated company had its existence, and from the said report of the railroad company, the Auditor General ascertained the amount upon which said company should pay the tax of three-fourths of one per cent, to be \$5,174,700.00, and charged \$38,810.25 upon the books of his office, as the amount of specific tax due to the State from said railroad company in January, 1859. Of this amount the company paid \$27,091.91, and filed a bill in chancery, in the Wayne Circuit, against the Auditor General to restrain the collection of the balance, \$11,718.34. A hearing was had in said circuit during the summer of 1861 on pleadings and proofs, and a decree made dismissing the bill of complaint, from which decree the said company appealed to the Supreme Court, where the case was argued and submitted at the October for 1861.¹

In this case the complainants claimed exemption from taxation upon sums included in the amount upon which the Auditor General had computed the specific tax due in January, 1859, as follows:

1. The bonus of 3,000 shares of stock issued to the original chasers of the road, amounting to.....	\$300,000 00
2. The discount upon certain Bonds sold by the Company amounting to.....	185,459 84
3. The Jackson Branch Bonds.....	250,000 00

¹ Report of Attorney General for 1861, p. 3.

4. The cost of various steamboats, one of which was destroyed some years since, and the remainder alleged to have been employed and taxed in other States, amounting to.....	\$466,848 02
5. The sum lent by complainants to the Chicago and Mississippi Railroad Company, and secured by worthless securities, amounting to.....	300,000 00
6. The expense incurred in obtaining loans and selling bonds, amounting to.....	60,136 87
Total upon which exemption from taxation was claimed...	<u>\$1,562,444 73</u>

Upon which the specific tax would be \$11,718.34.

In this case items 1, 2, 3 are the same as those determined by the Supreme Court in the case commenced in the Lenawee Circuit in 1856, and which were held to be subject to taxation by the State.

In the present case it was held by the Supreme Court:¹

As to Claim No. 1.—That no deduction should be made for the 3,000 shares of capital stock alleged by the company to have been distributed as a bonus among the original stockholders, without any consideration being received therefor, the allegation not being sustained by the proofs in the case.

As to Claim No. 2.—*Quære*—Whether the amount of the bonds of the company issued for loans, is to be taken as the amount of its loans, for the purposes of taxation, within the meaning of the law, or whether from this amount should be deducted the discount allowed on the sale of its bonds?

As to Claim No. 3.—*Quære*—Whether a deduction from the taxable amount should be made of the bonds of the company which were loaned, and for which worthless securities were subsequently taken in payment?

As to Claim No. 4.—That no deduction can be made from the amount taxable, for the cost of steamboats destroyed by accident, or lying idle within the limits of another State and taxable there.

As to Claim No. 5.—That the company can claim no exemption from taxation upon any sum of money borrowed by it, and afterward loaned upon worthless securities, whereby it became lost to the company.

As to Claim No. 6.—The company can claim no exemption from taxation on sums of money paid out for commissions and other expenses attending the sale of its bonds and the obtaining of loans.

The tax on the two items as to which the Supreme Court disagreed amounted to \$3,265 95, and at the conclusion of the suit remained unpaid for the years 1858, 1859, 1860, and 1861.

Under the former decision of the Supreme Court, it was held that the items of capital stock, loans, etc., upon which this \$3,265.95 of annual specific tax was computed, "constituted a proper basis for computing the specific State tax required by the charter of the Company to be assessed by the Auditor General," but the Company refused to pay it, and in August, 1862, filed its bill of complaint in the Circuit Court for the county of Wayne, in Chancery, against the Auditor General, to restrain him from collecting the tax for the years 1858, 1859, 1860, and 1861,—\$13,063 80,—and the interest thereon to June 1, 1862,—\$5,954 10,—and obtained and served on him a temporary injunction.² The

¹ 9 Mich., 448.

² Report of Attorney General, 1862, p. 7.

case was not brought to a final hearing until February, 1864,¹ when it was argued and submitted to the Court upon pleadings and proof.² The decree was made in February, 1865, whereby the Auditor General was forever restrained and enjoined from issuing any warrant or process, and from taking any proceeding whatsoever to collect, and from making any demand therefor upon the said complainant company, the sum claimed or the interest thereon, or any part of such sum or interest.

This decree of the Wayne Circuit Court is against that of the Supreme Court first above referred to. No appeal was taken from this decree. Under it the Company pays specific tax upon a sum made up of items, as follows:

1. Capital stock,—including purchase price and bonus.....	\$2,625,600 00
2. Bonds issued.....	\$2,500,000 00
Less loss in sale of portion thereof \$185,459 84	
Jackson Branch Bonds.....	250,000 00
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	2,064,540 10
3. Capital stock issued in 1858.....	49,100 00
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Total upon which Specific Tax is computed.....	<u>\$4,739,240 16</u>

The annual specific tax upon which amounts to \$35,544.30.

How the tax, which had been charged against the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company, upon the sums declared by said decree to be exempt from taxation, was disposed of, will appear by the following from the Report of the Auditor General for the year 1865:

"According to this decision of the Wayne County Circuit Court, in connection with a decision of the Supreme Court of the State, given in 1862, the Company is liable to pay a specific tax of \$35,544.30 annually, while an amount of \$38,810.25 had been charged against the Company on the books of this office. In accordance with said decree of the Wayne County Circuit Court, I have now credited the Company with the excess charged them, amounting to \$3,265.95, annually, or to \$19,695.70 for the last six years."³

In the case which is reported in 9 Mich., 448, the Supreme Court held that the Company was subject to taxation on shares of capital stock alleged to have been issued as a bonus to the original stockholders. This decision was rendered at the January term for 1862, since which time the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company, by consolidation with the Cleveland and Toledo, the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula, the Erie and North-East, and the Buffalo and State Line Railroad companies, became, in August, 1862, the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company.⁴ If in the adjust-

¹ Report of the Attorney General, 1864, p. 9.

² Report of the Attorney General, 1865, p. 11, where will be found a copy of the decree of the Wayne Circuit Court issued by B. F. H. Witherell, Circuit Judge.

³ Report for 1865, p. 9.

⁴ The history of the organization of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, as stated in the Report of its officers for 1870, is as follows:

The Company is a consolidation of the following roads:

The *Buffalo & State Line Railroad*—extending from the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, westward, to the State Line of Pennsylvania—88 miles.

The *Erie & North-East Railroad*—extending from the State Line of Pennsylvania to the city of Erie, in the State of Pennsylvania—20 miles.

These two roads were consolidated, under the name of the *Buffalo & Erie Railroad Company*, in the year 1867, in pursuance of laws of the States of New York and Pennsylvania.

The *Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula Railroad*—extending from the city of Erie, in the State of Pennsylvania, to the city of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio—95 miles.

ment of values for the purposes of such consolidation, as the process was carried on between the several companies, there was issued capital stock to the holders of stock in the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company as a consideration for such consolidation, or for the purpose of the adjustment of value between the stock of this road and that of any other road which entered into the consolidation,¹ it is believed that the above cited ruling of the Supreme Court would increase the amount upon which the Company now pays a specific tax, by the amount of stock so issued for purposes of such adjustment."

In the third foot-note, p. 9, the Auditor General says:

"The proportion of Capital Stock expended within this State, as determined by the Railroad Commissioner is \$11,248,483.00; the proportion of Loans is \$7,968,189.00, giving a total of \$19,216,672.00."

This statement compels me to make the following explanation:

There are several railroad companies doing business in Michigan, whose roads are partly within, and partly without the State. The Capital Stock, Debt, Cost, Earnings, and Expenses are reported to the Commissioner of Railroads, for their entire roads. In order to approximate the total amount invested in railroad property, as well as the earnings and expenses, within the State, the blanks furnished by the Commissioner to the railroad companies upon which to make their reports (and the same rule has been adopted in other States), make provision for a report of Capital Stock, Debt, Earnings, and Expenses apportioned to Michigan, on the basis of the proportion of the miles of road in this State, to the total length of the road. On this basis the companies have made their returns, and the amounts so returned appear in the report. In the blanks furnished, as above mentioned, for making reports, in connection with the questions relative to Stock, Debt, and Cost, the following foot-note is inserted:

"Unless some very good reason exists to the contrary, this proportion should be for the miles of road in this State compared with the whole. If made on a different basis, please state the reasons therefor."

No company has ever stated its proportion as being made on any other basis. But this rule for approximating a proportion of investment for this State, is arbitrary, and is used only in the absence of any other means by which a result could be reached. This method no more determines the amount of capital actually invested in this State than the amount of earnings reported as appor

The *Cleveland & Toledo Railroad*—extending from the city of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, to the city of Toledo, in the State of Ohio—113 miles.

With a branch (or Northern Division) extending from Elyria (twenty-six miles west of Cleveland) to the city of Sandusky, in the State of Ohio—35 miles.

Also, extending from Oak Harbor (twenty-six miles west of Sandusky) to Millbury (near Toledo)—15 miles.

These two roads last mentioned were consolidated under the name of the *Lake Shore Railway Company* in March, 1860, pursuant to the laws of the States of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The *Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad*—extending from the city of Toledo, in the State of Ohio, to the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois—244 miles.

This road was consolidated with the *Lake Shore Railway Company*, under the name of the *Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company*, in May, 1869, pursuant to the laws of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

In August, 1860, the *Buffalo & Erie Railroad Company* was consolidated with the *Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company*, under the name of the *Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company*, pursuant to the laws of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, thus forming a continuous line of railway, five hundred and forty miles in length, between the cities of Buffalo, in the State of New York, and Chicago, in the State of Illinois.

¹ The proportion of Capital Stock expended within this State, as determined by the Railroad Commissioner, is \$11,248,483.00; the proportion of Loans is \$7,968,189.00, giving a total of \$19,216,672.00. *Vide supra*, p. cxiv, Note "1;" also, *Id.*, p. cxvi, Note "1."

tioned to Michigan shows the amount actually earned in the State; *e. g.*, a road 200 miles long, lying one-half within, and the other half without a State, might be so situated as that the one portion should have but a slight traffic, and hence a single track, and a light equipment, costing not more than \$25,000.00 per mile, while the other portion might be so advantageously situated for business as to require a double track, a very large equipment, and extensive buildings and machine shops, the total cost of which might be \$100,000.00 per mile. And yet, with all this disproportion of actual investment in the two States, when the above cited *pro rata* rule is applied it would bring the figures for the portion which actually cost \$25,000.00 per mile, up to \$62,500.00 per mile. The same holds true of the earnings. Upon the portion outside of the State, they may be very large, owing to local causes, while for the portion within the State, they may be less than one-half the amount outside of the State; and yet, by the above rule of apportionment, the latter portion would be credited with having earned as much as the former.

This explanation may apply with equal propriety to the portion of the Governor's message wherein he alludes to the value of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway as apportioned to Michigan.

In their annual report to the Auditor General for taxation, the company regularly insert the following sworn protest:

"Under the third section of the Consolidation act, they report that the portion of their capital and loans actually employed in the State of Michigan is \$3,612,255.27; but under the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan in January, 1862, and of the Circuit Court of Wayne county in January, 1865, the company is held liable to the specific State tax of three-fourths of one per cent upon \$4,739,240.16."

This tax as determined by the court, amounts to \$205.00 per mile of road, and is on a basis of a stock and debt investment of \$27,333.00 per mile. A comparison of this amount with the amount of stock and debt of the other roads in our State can be made by referring to Table III., p. xxxiv., of the report of the Commissioner of Railroads for 1875.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company arose from the consolidation in 1869, of the Lake Shore Railway with the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad, the latter of the two being a corporation formed by the consolidation, in 1855, of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad Companies. The consolidations of 1857 and 1869 were effected under the general law of 1855 for the incorporation of railroad companies, by which any new corporation so formed, should possess all the powers, rights, and franchises conferred upon the two or more corporations of which it should be composed, and should be subject to all the restrictions, and perform all the duties imposed by the provisions of their respective charters.—(Compiled Laws of 1857, Vol. I., p. 653, § 1994). The consolidation of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana was accomplished by special enactment.—(Act 138 of 1855.)

The Michigan Southern Railroad Company was surveyed and begun, like the Michigan Central, by the State, which held it from 1837 to 1846. In 1841 the State bought the River Raisin and Lake Erie Railroad, running between Monroe and La Plaisance Bay, and declared it a part of the Southern. By Act 113 of 1846 it sold the whole road, including the Tecumseh branch,—the old Palmyra & Jacksonburgh Railroad,—for \$500,000, and chartered the company that bought it, under general conditions almost identical with those contained

in the charter of the Michigan Central. The company was to be strictly for railroading and transportation, and its line was to pass from "some suitable point at or near the mouth of the ship canal," in Monroe, through Petersburg, Adrian, Hillsdale, Coldwater, Jonesville perhaps, and some eligible point on the St. Joseph River, to Niles. The branch was to pass through Tecumseh, Clinton, and Manchester to Jackson. No railroad, except intersecting roads could thereafter be built, so as to come within five miles of the line of the Southern westwardly of Monroe township, and none could be built so as to commence within 20 miles of Monroe, and extend to Lake Michigan or to the southern boundary of the State, whose line should run on an average within 20 miles of the main line of the Southern.

The company was not to charge any higher sums for tolls and transportation than were charged upon the Southern road on the first day of January, 1846, and by Act 195 of 1850, the rates between Monroe and Adrian might never exceed the lowest price at any time charged from Adrian to Toledo, or on any railroad leading from any part of Lenawee county to any point in Ohio while the Michigan southern should connect with any other railroad leading into that State. The charges for storage and shipment at the eastern terminus were not to exceed those charged by the Michigan Central Railroad Company at its eastern terminus, and no charge for storage could be made except upon goods that had remained in the company's possession four days, or at Monroe twenty-four hours (Sundays excepted), and then only upon notice to the consignees, if known. The company might own or hire six vessels for carrying persons and property, and might charge suitable rates for such transportation. If necessary to public convenience, it was to allow side tracks to intersect its main line at any depot, and was to receive property from such side tracks without unreasonable delay. It was always to maintain sufficient motive power for the ordinary business of the road, and was always to receive and discharge persons and property at such ware-houses and places along the line as such persons or the consignors or owners of such property might direct, or else suffer a penalty of \$5,000 for each neglect of thirty days.

The authorized corporate stock of the company was fixed at \$2,000,000, with the privilege of increasing it to \$3,000,000. The company was forbidden to make any dividend exceeding six per cent per annum, until all the purchase money for the road, and all the interest thereon, should have been paid. By Act 195 of 1850 it was allowed to issue corporate bonds or obligations, not to exceed the capital stock in the aggregate, for the purpose of providing means for the payment of its debts, and the construction, extension, and completion of its railroads, shops, depots, buildings, and equipments, for which purposes, also, it was allowed to issue shares of guaranteed stock, to be called "construction" stock, which, with the original stock, was not to exceed the amount of its capital stock allowed by law.

The State was empowered to re-purchase the railroad and all property of the company after January 1, 1867, taking everything subject to liens thereon for loans invested in the road and its works, and was to pay therefor the market value of the entire stock of, and shares in, the company, and ten per cent in addition, the market value to be ascertained by taking the average of the public sale prices of the stock or shares as made in Boston and New York during the twelve months preceding the year in which the State shall so purchase, but in no case shall the amount to be paid be less than the amount of capital actually paid in by the stockholders. If the State and the company could not

agree upon the market value, the Supreme Court was to be competent to determine it upon application to be made within six months after the State should elect to purchase.

The provisions of the original charter in regard to amendment or repeal are as follows:

"SEC 37. The State reserves the right at any time after thirty years from the passage of this act, by a vote of two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature, to alter, amend, or repeal the same: *Provided*, The said company shall be compensated by the State for all damages sustained by reason of such alteration, amendment, or repeal."

The Michigan Southern was authorized to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company, by Act 138 of 1855, the united corporation to possess all the franchises, property, powers, and privileges theretofore enjoyed by the Michigan Southern, and to be subject to all the restriction, liabilities, and obligations imposed upon the two original corporations by virtue of their charters. The capital of the new company was not to exceed the aggregate amount of capital authorized by the charters of the companies of which it was composed. It was provided that the new corporation should continue subject to the same rate of tax as though the consolidation had not taken place; and the amount of its capital and loans upon which taxation should be paid thereafter, should be such portion of the whole of its capital and loans as should actually be employed in the State, to be ascertained by the Auditor General from sworn reports of the company."

Section six of the above act of consolidation, is as follows:

"SEC. 6. This act shall take effect whenever the said companies shall accept the same, and their acceptance in writing, signed by the president and secretary of said companies, under their corporate seals, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State."

ERIE & KALAMAZOO.

The Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad is operated by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, which holds it under a perpetual lease at \$30,000 a year. The lessors are a corporation chartered by an act approved April 22, 1833 (Terr. Laws, Vol. III., p. 1125), with a capital of one million dollars. Their road lies between Adrian and Toledo and constitutes that portion of the main line of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. The president and directors or the company were to "have power to charge for tolls and transportation such sums as shall be established by the by-laws of the company," and the Territory reserved the right to purchase it at any time after the expiration of twenty years from its completion, at a price not exceeding its original cost, and fourteen per cent. thereon. By act approved March 26, 1835 (Terr. Laws, Vol. III., p. 1396), the stockholders of the railroad company were authorized to establish a bank for the notes and debts of which the stock of the road was to stand as security. When the net proceeds of the road should have paid the cost of its construction, and the expenses of keeping it in repair and operation, and seven per centage on all such expenditures, the road was to become the property of the Territory or State, to be controlled by the Legislature, and to be a free road except for sufficient toll to keep it in repair, and at this time the bank was to be a separate institution.

By section 10 of Act 67 of 1845, it was ordered that the shares of stock in the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad Company in Michigan be exempt from taxation

for State purposes, but that in lieu thereof there should be assessed annually, between the first and the fifteenth of May, by the Auditor General, upon the capital stock of the corporation, a tax of one-half of one per cent., to be annually paid into the State Treasury by the corporation, by the first of the following December. But by Act 158 of 1846, it was declared that the company should pay to the State, in the last week of January, an annual tax of one-half of one per cent upon its capital stock paid in, and also upon all loans made to the company for the construction of the road. The Legislature reserved the right at any time to alter, amend, or repeal this latter act, or the act to which it was amendatory, viz.: the original charter of 1833, and ordered the amendatory act to take effect after thirty days from the taking effect of the charter of the Michigan Southern.

With regard to the taxation of this road, the Auditor General's report for 1874, p. cxxiii, contains the following:

"The Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Company has paid-in capital stock to the amount of \$300,000.00, and \$361,787.78 of loans,—a total of \$661,787.78, taxable annually at the rate of one-half of one per cent thereon. This tax is upon the capital stock and loans to the company expended in the construction of its entire road; and since about two-thirds of its road is within the State, the tax is really three-fourths of one per cent upon that portion expended within the State for construction,—making the rate the same as in the case of other special chartered railroad companies operating within the State."

It will be seen from the above, that while said company operates 1,176 miles of railroad, only 403 miles of this road is in Michigan, and of this portion of the road 222 miles are operated, and pay taxes under the general railroad law, and about 20 miles more are operated and pay taxes under the special charter of the Erie and Kalamazoo railroad company, and that but 173 miles of the entire road of said company is affected by the original charter of said company, and the various amendments thereto, so far as the question of taxation is concerned.

Under the original charter, the method of determining the amount of capital and loans that should pay taxes in this State might have been readily determined, and would be that adopted by the Railroad Commissioner in his report, to wit: that portion of the entire capital and loans of the company determined by the whole number of miles of road in this State, compared with the whole line of road.

Under the act of 1855, authorizing the consolidation with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company, while the rate of taxation is unchanged, the capital and loans to be taxed are only such portion as are actually employed in this State, to be ascertained as in said act specially provided.

That act, as well as all the acts affecting this charter are contracts, operative only when assented to by the company, and such assent evidenced by writing, under seal of the corporation, and filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and when so assented to, irrevocable, except in the manner, and subject to the conditions provided for in the original charter.

SEC. 37 of the original charter provides that after 30 years (which period has now elapsed), the Legislature may by a vote of two-thirds of both branches, alter, amend, or repeal the charter—but *only on condition* that the State "compensate such company for all damages sustained by reason of such alteration, amendment, or repeal."

Referring again to Sec. 3 of the act of 1855, authorizing consolidation with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company, it will be seen that the *Auditor General*, and he alone, must ascertain and determine the portion of capital and loans of said company actually employed in this State, and so determine the amount of tax such company shall pay, and by his action in the premises, the State is bound, though the company may appeal to the courts for redress if they consider his action unwarranted under their charter.

The statute gives that officer very full powers to call for such information and reports from the company as he may desire, in order to a full understanding of the subject, but when the tax has been so ascertained, and paid, the State is bound by the action of such officer, and the company cannot be said to owe the State

The wisdom of former legislation in prescribing the amount of taxation and the mode of ascertaining the same, and in granting charters, precluding future legislation on the subject, except upon conditions rendering such legislation exceedingly hazardous, lest in the attempt to remedy an evil a worse evil be incurred, is not now in question. We are called to act upon an existing state of facts, with the State bound by contracts which cannot be annulled, except by mutual consent or upon the conditions embodied in the charter.

While the very large difference between the capital and loans of the company apportioned to this State according to the number of miles of road in the State and the capital stock and loans of the company, reported by the company, for the purposes of taxation; while the very great difference between the value per mile of the Michigan Central Railroad and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, as reported by each company for the purposes of taxation in this State; while the fact that the capital stock of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Co. has been largely increased beyond the entire stock of the several corporations constituting the consolidated company, and yet no increase in capital or loans reported by said company in this State for purposes of taxation. While these and other like facts, all apparently indicating an under valuation of the capital stock of said company actually employed in this State for the purposes of taxation, should lead to especial enquiry and investigation on the part of the Auditor General; your committee are of the opinion that the Auditor General is the proper and, indeed, the only officer with power to enquire into and correct the evil, if one exists, and to secure from such company the payment of its just proportion of taxes under and according to the terms of its charter.

When the amounts on which taxes are to be paid has been settled by the courts, such action is *final*, on the same state of facts; but as the capital of the company is increased, or new loans made, new enquiries should be instituted, and, if necessary, additional taxes imposed; and the company may, from time to time, have any taxation not warranted by the charter corrected by the courts.

The Auditor General, in performance of the duties imposed upon him by the act of 1855, is expected to look carefully to the interests of the State, to see to it that by no concealments of facts, that by no misrepresentations as to amount of capital or stock employed in this State, that by no cunningly devised expedients, in which corporations of the present day are so fertile, *fictions* are made to appear to be *facts*, and substantial realities are covered with the "cloak of invisibility;" that by no such, or such like contrivances, the State shall be permitted to suffer loss.

Your committee do not mean to be understood as being satisfied that the

Auditor General has not already made all these inquiries, nor that said company has not paid its proper amount of taxes, though from the fact, that while other companies, operated under like charters, have reported for purposes of taxation in this State, a large increase of stock and loans, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company report for taxation no increase, and that while the capital stock of the consolidated company has been largely increased, no increase has been reported in this State for taxation; your committee are led to believe that new inquiries should be instituted by the Auditor General, and if such inquiries should result in an increased taxation of said company, and a new appeal by them to the courts (the State not desisting from such taxation unless upon the decision of the Supreme Court of the State against the validity of such tax) whatever might be the final result, the people of the State would feel a satisfaction in knowing that the officers of the State were as careful of the interests entrusted to them, as the officers of said company are of the interests of its stockholders.

In considering the questions referred to them, your committee have acted under the conviction that the provisions of section 37 of the original charter providing in substance that if such charter should be altered, amended or repealed, it should only be upon condition that the State compensate such company for all damages sustained by reason thereof, are constitutional provisions, and binding upon the State.

Your committee are aware that it is claimed by some, for whose opinions they have great respect, that these provisions are unconstitutional and void, as against public policy, and that the courts, on a case properly presenting the points, would so declare,—that no Legislature can thus grant exclusive rights and privileges for all time, and place repeal of such privileges beyond the power of future Legislatures, except upon terms too hazardous to justify such repeal.

While your committee do not propose to argue this question, they must report that, from such investigation as they have been able to give that branch of the subject, they are led to a different conclusion.

Were your committee satisfied that these provisions relating to the conditions upon which such charter might be repealed were unconstitutional, and that such charter might now be repealed without subjecting the State to payment of damages, as specified in said section, your committee would feel bound under the present policy of the State, as evidenced by its organic law, to recommend the repeal of this and all like special charters so soon as the same could be done, and the adoption of the policy of the present constitution of the State, compelling all corporations to organize under general laws, that all such corporations might enjoy an equality of rights, and all be subjected to equal burdens.

It may be advisable to make more full and special enquiry into this question of the constitutionality of this condition of repeal, through the proper law officer of the State, or through your judiciary committee or otherwise, but your committee are not prepared to recommend any specific action.

As shown by the report of the Railroad Commissioner, that portion of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway from Adrian to Toledo, is operated and pays taxes under the charter of the Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad, which may now be unconditionally altered, amended, or repealed. The taxes paid under that charter are one-half of one per cent on capital and loans of entire road, while but about two-thirds of the road is in this State, making taxes paid at about same rate as on the main line.

As so small a portion of this road is in this State, and as the entire line of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway from Toledo to Elkhart, so far as it passes through this State, and so far as all through business is concerned, is operated, practically, as one track of a double track railway, the other track being the air line road from Toledo to Elkhart, and as under the general railroad law of this State, taxes are paid on gross earnings, and as this road is operated, the only true basis for such taxation, as to all through business, could only be arrived at by treating both lines as one road, and taking the entire gross earnings of both lines and apportioning to this State such proportion as the miles in this State bear to the entire road, and as this might lead to litigation, your committee are not prepared to recommend any alteration, amendment, or repeal of that charter.

After a full and careful investigation of the entire matter referred to them as above, the only action on the part of the Legislature which your committee can recommend, is the adoption of the concurrent resolution herewith submitted, and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman*.

The following is the concurrent resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the Auditor General be, and he is hereby requested to make a thorough and careful investigation under the provisions of act No. 138, of the session laws of 1855, entitled "An act to authorize the Michigan Southern Railroad Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company," to ascertain whether the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company have other, or further stock, property, or loans, properly subject to taxation under the said act, than such as has been by them reported for the purpose, and if, on such inquiry he shall be satisfied that such company is, under said act, subject to other or further taxation than such as has heretofore been paid, that he impose such taxes, and if said company shall feel aggrieved by such additional taxation and carry the matter into the courts, that such additional taxation shall not be abandoned by the State, unless upon an adverse decision by the Supreme Court of the State.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The resolution was laid the table.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Michigamme," approved April 27, 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section five of chapter five of act number sixty-two of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, pertaining to the election of officers in the village of Portland, it being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Portland, Ionia county,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on insurance:

The committee on insurance, to whom was referred

A bill to amend act number 82 of the session laws of 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on military affairs:

The committee on the military affairs, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 3 (printed No. 1), entitled

Joint resolution amending joint resolution No. 37, of session laws of 1875, authorizing the board of State Auditors to audit and pay the claims of the non-commissioned officers and musicians of the 5th, 6th and 7th regiments of

Michigan volunteer infantry, for services rendered in the month of August, 1861,

Respectfully report that they have the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, Jr., *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 201, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of St. Joseph and Lincoln, in the county of Berrien, for the year 1876;

2. House bill No. 202, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Niles, in the county of Berrien, for the year 1876;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

Mr. Burch moved that the rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Foote,	Morse,	Read,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Redfield,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Williams,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

Mr. Burch moved that the rule requiring a second and third reading of bills.

to be on different days, be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Foote,	Morse,	Read,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Redfield,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Williams,
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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 8135 and 8137 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the Reform School.

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to amend section 1, Article IV., relating to finance and taxation.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend "an act to define the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local administrative and legislative powers," approved April 8, 1851, being section 477 of the compiled laws of 1871.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Redfield, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for a register of probate for the county of Monroe.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted introduced

Joint resolution to amend the Constitution of this State by inserting a provision in section 2 of Article X., empowering the Legislature to organize or discontinue any county composed wholly of islands.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution to authorize the Board of State Auditors of this State to discharge from record a certain indenture of mortgages, executed by Edmund H. Hazleton, Clarinda B. Hazleton, and G. M. Dewey, to the people of the State of Michigan, and dated January 4, 1860.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Adair, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the construction of railways from mills and manufactories to other railroads, by corporations and individuals, and to provide for the organization of corporations for that purpose.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 6 of chapter 45, of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 4208 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the fees of attorneys in the foreclosure of mortgages.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The President announced that the hour of 3 o'clock had arrived, the time fixed for the special order for the consideration of

Senate bill No. 37, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the current expenses of the State Normal school.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the special order.

Mr. Morgan in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

Senate bill No. 37, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the State Normal school,

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on appropriation and finance.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The bill was referred to the committees on appropriations and finance and State Normal school, jointly.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18, 1871,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,			26
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NAYS.

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 14, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McClure.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Wm. Cook: Remonstrance of W. J. Gregg, George Davis, and 220 others, tax-payers of Homer, against the liquor tax being diverted from the purpose to which it is now applied;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Markey: Petition of Sam'l W. Walker, Jr., Wm. A. Pettengill, Wm. Blain, and 107 others, against the passage of any law increasing the salaries of the County Auditors of Wayne county;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Packard: Petition of J. B. Chapin, M. D., and sixteen other residents of Battle Creek, Calhoun county, relative to the establishment of an eclectic medical department in the State University;

Referred to the committee on University.

By Mr. Morgan: Petition of W. H. Brockway, Isaac Taylor, Phineas Graves, W. H. Perrin, James M. Sheldon, and four hundred others, citizens of Albion, asking for the enactment of a prohibitory liquor law;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to revise the laws providing for the registration of electors, and to provide for holding elections in certain cases,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 4738, 4739, and 4741, laws of 1871, relative to divorce,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 81 (printed No. 29) entitled

A bill to amend section 5654 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 4 of an act to provide for the appointment of a State Reporter, approved April 17, 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 7 (printed No. 27), entitled

A bill relative to the reorganization of the meeting of the legislature,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 64 (printed No. 28), entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 4 of chapter 169 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's numbers 4721 and 4722, relating to intermarriage;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

A bill to change the name of the township of Deerfield, in Van Buren county, from Deerfield to Covert,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to regulate the procedure in actions on the case for negligence in the several courts of this State,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State normal school:

The committee on State normal school respectfully submit the accompanying communication, addressed by the architect of the proposed new building of the Normal School to the State Board of Education, as furnishing a detailed statement of the objects for which an appropriation is asked.

MARSDEN C. BURCH, *Chairman*.

The following is the communication referred to:

DETROIT, January 8, 1877.

To the State Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit to your honorable body sketches for the proposed alterations of the State Normal School buildings. The time being too short in which to prepare them, I beg you may excuse me in not having them finished up in any better style. I hope, however, that they will be sufficient to at least convey a pretty correct idea of the proposed alterations. The elevation is a little more ornamental than I had intended it, but having had it commenced I had to go through with it, as the time did not permit me to start a new one. A new design could very easily have been made of the same general features, with less expensive cut-stone work, and to cost about \$4,000 less than the an-

nexed estimate. I estimate the cost of the new addition, as drawn per sketch, including steam heating apparatus, about at.....	\$46,321 00
Alterations and repairs of old building at.....	9,000 00
School furniture at.....	7,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$62,321 00</u>

By making the design of the building somewhat plainer the entire cost for the building, heating apparatus, furniture, and the remodeling of the old building could be brought down to about \$60,000.

The old building, upon examination, I found sadly out of repairs, the exterior and some of the interior walls badly cracked in numerous places; the roof, too, needs to be re-covered, and upon the consideration of all this, I chose a new design for the entire building, as almost the same amount of money needed for repairs on the old building would also remodel it to the design, and would then make the entire structure modern and an ornament to the State.

Hoping that the submitted plans will be what you desired,

I remain yours respectfully,

JULIUS HESS, *Architect.*

Estimate of the probable cost of a new addition to the normal school building at Ypsilanti, Mich.:

MASON WORK.

Excavation, 960 cords @ \$2.00.....	\$1,920 00
Stone walls, 510 perch @ \$3.00.....	1,530 00
Brick walls, 693,000 brick @ \$9.00 pr M.....	6,237 00
Plastering, 6,235 yards @ 22c.....	\$1,372 00
Ornamental plastering.....	300 00
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	1,672 00
Deafening 1,600 yards @ 30c.....	4 80

IRON WORK.

Anchors, 96 pieces @ 50c.....	\$48 00
Columns, 6 pieces @ \$21.00.....	126 00
“ 3 pieces @ 16.00.....	48 00
Boiler-iron smoke-pipe, 168 feet @ \$1.25.....	210 00
250 feet of cresting @ 75c.....	178 00
Five finials @ \$10.....	50 00
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	660 00

CUT-STONE WORK.

1st water table, 356 ft. @ 75c.....	\$267 00
2d “ “ 350 ft. @ \$1.50.....	522 00
1st belt-course 212 ft. @ \$2.00.....	424 00
2d “ 152 ft. @ 2.00.....	304 00
3d “ 212 ft. @ 1.50.....	318 00
4th “ 112 ft. @ 2.00.....	224 00
1st sill-course 350 ft. @ 1.50.....	525 00
2d “ 350 ft. @ 1.50.....	525 00
3d “ 350 ft. @ 1.50.....	525 00
Coping on portico, 24 ft. @ \$2.25.....	54 00
“ on gables, 252 ft. @ 2.25.....	567 00
Buttress caps, 8 pieces, @ 5.00.....	40 00

Finials on portico, 2 pieces, @ \$125.....	\$250 00
“ on main gable, 2 pieces @ \$230.....	460 00
Balcony platform.....	67 00
Stone tablet in front portico.....	125 00
83 window caps @ \$32.00, at an average.....	2,656 00
Front steps.....	350 00
Side steps.....	300 00
Side steps, two flights, @ \$175.....	350 00
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	\$8,856 00

Total mason work.....	<hr/> \$21,355 00 <hr/>
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CARPENTER WORK.

179,500 ft. of rough common lumber @ \$11.....	\$1,974 50
Labor for same.....	1,610 00
49,000 ft. of flooring, ash, @ \$32.....	1,568 00
Labor of laying same.....	490 00
34,000 ft. of ceiling, pine, 2d clear @ \$28.....	962 00
Labor of laying same.....	340 00
Six roof trusses, labor; @ \$125.....	750 00
Two half roof trusses, @ \$75.....	150 00
Deafening floors, 16,000 ft. @ \$12.....	192 00
Labor for same.....	128 00
Grounds, 3,200 ft. @ 2c.....	64 00
5 stairs @ \$150.....	750 00
2 “ “ \$75.....	150 00
1 “ “ \$85.....	85 00
6 basement windows @ \$7, complete.....	42 00
12 “ “ “ \$18.....	216 00
30 windows @ \$22.....	660 00
12 “ “ \$32.....	384 00
7 “ “ \$54.....	378 00
28 “ “ \$15.....	420 00
44 doors, frames, etc., complete, @ \$20.....	880 00
Front doors and frame.....	120 00
Vestibule doors and frame.....	75 00
10 platforms @ \$15.....	150 00
Casings around blk. boards, 1,200 feet @ 5c.....	60 00
Chalk strips, 1,000 feet @ 3 c.....	30 00
Bridging labor.....	75 00
Furring labor.....	125 00
Hardware, nails etc.....	225 00
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Total carpenter work.....	<hr/> \$13,053 50 <hr/>
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Glazing and painting.....	\$3,500 00
Slating, 67 squares @ \$14.....	938 00
Tinwork.....	1,200 00
Gas fitting.....	325 00
Plumbing.....	450 00
Steam fitting.....	5,500 00
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Recapitulation.

Mason work.....	\$21,355 00
Carpenter work.....	13,053 50
Glazing and painting.....	3,800 00
Slating.....	938 00
Tin work.....	1,200 00
Gas fitting.....	325 00
Plumbing.....	450 00
Steam fitting.....	5,500 00
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Total cost of new addition.....	\$46,321 50
Probable cost of repairing old building.....	9,000 00
Probable cost of furniture in new building.....	7,000 00
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Total cost of entire work.....	\$62,321 50
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HESS & MENDELSSOHN, *Architects,*
Detroit, Mich.

The report and accompanying communication were laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, February 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 77 (printed No. 37), entitled

A bill to detach township (No. 31) thirty-one north of range five (No. 5) west from the present township of Central Lake, in the county of Antrim, and to attach the same to the township of Jordan in said county,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, February 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 20 (printed No. 41), entitled

A bill to prevent attorneys, counselors, agents, and the like from becoming sureties in certain cases,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the postmaster of the Senate and House be and is hereby instructed to keep *uninterruptedly* open, the postoffice in the building from eight o'clock in the forenoon to ten o'clock in the evening of each and every day either house of this Legislature may be in session;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Perrin moved that the Senate concur in the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The concurrent resolution was laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor, approved March 23d, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18th, 1871, approved March 18th, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drinks."

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to establish a bureau of statistics and immigration, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to promote immigration to Michigan," approved April 3d, 1869.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2163 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the encouragement of agriculture, manufacture, and the mechanic arts.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 54, 57, and 76 of chapter six, being compiler's sections 85, 88, and 107 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to elections.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend "An act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Jackson" being "act 358" of the laws of 1875, approved April 24, 1875.

Mr. Jenney gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 31 and 94 of an act entitled "An act for the reorganization of the military forces of the State of Michigan," approved Jan. 18, 1862,

being compiler's sections 858 and 921 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 116 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 18, 1873;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1 of act 84 of the session laws of 1851, approved April 4, 1851, entitled "An act to establish the township line between the townships of Harrison and Clinton, in the county of Macomb."

Mr. Andrus gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to the assessment and collection of taxes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Redfield, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the distribution of the Legislative Manual of 1877.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Wilcox, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to prevent betting upon the result of any political nomination, appointment, or election.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Wm. Cook, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act amendatory of the several acts relating to the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, and the Albion Female Collegiate Institute," approved February 25, 1861, and March 2, 1865.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

Mr. Rankin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A joint resolution to provide for a revision of the system of keeping State accounts.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend act No. 152 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 29, 1875, and also to amend sections 10, 11, and 12, of chapter 218, being sections 6921, 6922, and 6923, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to foreclosure by advertisement.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Jenney, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 181 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5674, concerning courts and the powers and duties of certain judicial officers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. McElroy, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to protect travel on public highways;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 89, 91, 95, 156, 157, 158, and 159 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of St. Clair," approved March 18th, 1863.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Adair, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide a contingent fund for certain township purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Burleigh, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the University for the years 1877 and 1878.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committees on the University and appropriations and finance, jointly.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend "An act to define the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local administrative and legislative powers," approved April 8, 1851, being section 477 of the compiled laws of 1871.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7960 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to trials in criminal cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to extend the time for collecting of taxes in the township of Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1876.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. Reed moved that the rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage,

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,
Andrus,
Baxter,
Breitung,

Mr. Wm. Cook,
Foote,
Jenney,
Markey,

Mr. Newcomb,
Osborn,
Packard,
Perrin,

Mr. Redfield,
Shoemaker,
Taylor,
Waterbury,

Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,	Mr. Wilcox,	
Burch,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,			26
		NAYS.		0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Read,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Foote in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

Senate bill No. 38, entitled

A bill requiring railroad corporations to give 30 days' notice previous to increasing rates of freight;

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

Senate bill No. 47, entitled

A bill to amend "An act to incorporate the village of Blissfield," in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan;

Senate bill No. 48, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of Act No. 27 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the approval of the official bonds of county officers by the board of supervisors;"

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

D. P. FOOTE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause of the first named bill and the title and enacting clause were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the second and third named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the hour of 3 o'clock this afternoon be fixed for executive session

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate took a recess until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Shoemaker: Memorial and resolution of the Young Men's Association of the city of Jackson, asking that the library of such Association be exempt from sale by execution for all debts contracted after the passage of this act;

Referred to the committee on education.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to provide the forms for deeds and mortgages,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the statement that your committee have been unable to agree with reference to recommending the bill, further than to recommend that five hundred extra copies of the bill be printed, and that the bill be placed on the general order, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation made by the committee relative to printing of five hundred extra copies of the bill.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

House bill No. 227, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Caseville, in the county of Huron, for the year 1876,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. Burch moved that the rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,
Baxter,	Foote,	Morse,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, February 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 156 (printed No. 76), entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 9 of act 331 of the session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Lawrence, in the county of Van Buren,"

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. Packard moved that the rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days, be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage;

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the Senators present not voting therefor.

The bill was then referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, Feb. 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 46, entitled

A bill to repeal section 1 of chapter 10 of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to payment of losses by fire and marine insurance companies.

Mr. Andrus gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill fixing the pay of supervisors for the county of Kent.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the incorporation of coöperative savings associations.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 47, entitled

A bill to amend "An act to incorporate the village of Blissfield," in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,				25

NAYS.

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Williams moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend sections 2, 9, 10, and 11, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Blissfield, in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan," approved March 24th, 1875.

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Read,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 48, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 27 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the approval of the official bonds of county officers by the Board of Supervisors,"

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Waterbury moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The President announced that the hour of three o'clock had arrived, the time fixed by resolution of the Senate for an executive session.

Mr. Wilcox moved to reconsider the vote by which it was decided to go into executive session at 3 o'clock,

Which motion prevailed.

The question then being upon the motion that the Senate go into executive session at three o'clock,

The motion did not prevail.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Jenney in the chair.

After some time spent therein the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report;

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill 49, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of chapter 215 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 6790, relative to the lien of mechanics and others;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 50, entitled

A bill to amend section five thousand two hundred and thirty-one of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, relative to probate courts;

3. Senate bill No. 51, entitled

A bill to amend section 7781 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

WILLIAM JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Read moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the first-named bill by the committee,

Which motion prevailed, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The second and third named bills were then placed on the order of third reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Foote,

The Senate went into executive session at 4:10 o'clock P. M.

The executive session closed at 4:15 P. M.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, February 15, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilkins.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Read asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wm. Cook until tomorrow noon.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Chamberlain: Petition of Wm. K. Sawyer, John D. Miller, M. C. Bradley, Josephine Swift, and 20 others, asking that the law be so amended that druggists be required to give bonds for selling intoxicating liquors;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Morse: Remonstrance of B. F. Bradley and 129 other residents of Midland city, against the passage of any bill taking the liquor tax from corporations where it is collected;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Tyler: Petition of E. W. Oakes, and 45 other citizens of Iosco county, asking for a grant of swamp lands, to aid in building a railroad from Standish, Bay county, *via* Tawas, to Harrisville, Alcona county;

Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Burleigh: Petition from the Mayor, and 74 other citizens of Ann Arbor, relative to repealing the law of 1873, relating to said city.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the petition be printed at length in the journal;

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the petition:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

Your petitioners, citizens and tax payers of the city of Ann Arbor, respectfully represent that section 2 of title 5 of the charter of the city of Ann Arbor, requires the common council of said city to impose "a license tax of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than two hundred dollars, annually, payable quarterly, upon each and every person within the limits of said city, who is or shall be engaged in keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drink." Your petitioners further represent that the imperative nature of the said requirement makes it obligatory upon the common council, without choice or discretion, to levy said tax, and your petitioners further represent that the imposition of said tax, in addition to the State tax in such case provided, renders the license for the purpose above mentioned, in said city, unequal, unjust and oppressive, and your petitioners request your Honorable bodies to repeal or annul said section so as to remove the unequal and unjust taxation thus required by said charter, and your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

SAMUEL P. JEWETT,
W. TREMAINE,
C. H. MILLEN,
H. H. HOWE,
JOHN W. HUNT,

R. BEAHN,
I. F. LAWRENCE,
W. D. HARRIMAN,
PETER TUIITE,
C. H. MANLY,

L. GRUNER,
 B. F. WATTS,
 CHRISTIAN EBERBACH,
 EDWARD DUFFY,
 E. LAWRENCE,
 E. WELLS,
 W. B. SMITH,
 JAMES BOYD,
 E. J. JOHNSON,
 S. SONDHEIM,
 CHAS. FANTLE,
 GEO. W. CROPSEY,
 A. KEARNEY,
 JOHN KECK,
 M. FLEMING,
 A. A. GREGORY,
 TRACY W. ROOT,
 WM. ALLABY,
 JOHN HEINZMAN,
 WILLIAM HUMPHREY,
 FRED. SORG,
 H. A. HUTZEL,
 OTTMAR EBERBACH,
 I. B. DOW,
 J. M. SWIFT,
 P. DONOVAN,
 N. W. CHEEVER,
 E. D. KINNE,
 H. J. BEAKES,
 E. CLARK,
 JAMES MCMAHON,
 R. E. FRAZER,
 E. C. SEAMAN,

MATTHEW GENSLEY,
 CHARLES TRIPP,
 PETER H. ABEL,
 PHILIP BACH,
 ROBERT J. PRICE,
 J. F. SCHUH,
 M. CLARK,
 A. TERRY,
 S. FAIRCHILD,
 D. CRAMER,
 P. SHELTERS,
 JACOB HALLER,
 W. THOMAS,
 G. W. BROWN,
 L. C. RISDON,
 EMANUEL MANN,
 H. W. ROGERS,
 C. J. KINTNER,
 BEN. P. CRANE,
 A. D. BESIMER,
 CHRISTIAN SCHMIDT,
 FRANK H. ORTMAN,
 CHAS. J. GARDNER,
 A. McDONALD,
 WM. WAGNER,
 JAMES CLEMENTS,
 J. J. PARSHALL,
 Z. P. KING,
 JOHN T. SWATHEI,
 ROBERT K. AILES,
 NELSON J. KYER,
 C. H. RICHMOND.

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1856, being section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to salary of judges of probate,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with an amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill establishing the time for fixing the salaries of county officers,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7693 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to offenses against chastity, morality, or decency ;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without any recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to prevent betting upon the result of any political nomination, appointment, or election,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill for the protection and preservation of game.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools :

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 4 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the public schools in the city of Battle Creek," approved March 17, 1871, being act No. 490 of the session laws of 1871, and to add three new sections thereto,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance:

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 86 (printed No. 36), entitled

A bill to amend sections 153, 155, and 156, of act 169, session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon, being compiler's sections 1119, 1121 and 1122 of compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with an amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7445 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of constables in civil cases,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being sections 5180 and 5181 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the courts of chancery,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, Jr., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on enrolled bills:

The committee on enrolled bills, to whom was referred

A bill to repeal section one of chapter ten of act No. sixty-two of the session laws of 1875,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 156 (printed No. 76), entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 9 of act 331 of the session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Lawrence, in the county of Van Buren,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Packard moved that the rules be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan			30

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Breitung gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for mining iron ore, and for manufacturing iron and steel, and to authorize existing corporations engaged in such mining and manufacturing to reorganize hereunder,

Mr. Tyler gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 4822 and 4830 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to guardians and wards;

Also,

A bill to amend section 4582 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to sales by executors.

Mr. Baxter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to define and limit the term of office of officers and commissioners appointed by the Governor, in cases not otherwise defined and limited.

Mr. Foote gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to the service of garnishee process upon corporations.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the Board of Supervisors of Kalkaska county in erecting the township of Grayling.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 41 of chapter 10, being compiler's section 517, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to county officers.

Mr. D. R. Cook gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making appropriations for the State Reform School for the years 1877 and 1878.

Mr. Markey gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the 5th subdivision of section 10, compiler's section 2414, of an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies," approved April 18th, 1871.

Mr. Breitung gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to revise an act entitled "An act to provide for the collection of tolls and for the care, charge, and operating of the St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal," approved February 12th, 1855.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Jackson to transfer certain money from the fire department fund to the sinking fund of said city;

Also,

A bill to reorganize the first and fourth judicial circuits and to create the twenty-second judicial circuit.

Mr. McElroy moved to take from the table the following:

House bill No. 64 (printed No. 28), entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 4. of chapter 169, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's numbers 4721 and 4722, relative to intermarriage;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Burch offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That until after Tuesday, the 20th inst., the Senate will not hold afternoon sessions ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Edsell moved to take from the table

A bill to provide for the registration of practicing physicians and surgeons ;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Freeman moved to take from the table the following :

Senate bill No. 36, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 79 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of railroads, and to define his powers, duties, and fix his compensation ;"

Which motion did not prevail.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Nelson, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 50 of an act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State prison, being act number 213 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 3d, 1875 ;

Also,

A bill to regulate and govern the State house of correction and reformatory at Ionia.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State house of correction.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to establish a bureau of statistics and immigration, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to promote immigration to Michigan," approved April 3d, 1869.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on immigration.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 54, 57, and 76, of chapter 6, being compiler's sections 85, 88, and 107, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to elections.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Andrus, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill fixing the pay of supervisors for the county of Kent.

Also, a bill relative to the assessment and collection of taxes.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the incorporation of coöperative savings associations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Jenney, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 31 and 94 of an act entitled "An act for the reorganization of the military forces of the State of Michigan," approved Jan. 18, 1862, being compiler's sections 858 and 921 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 116 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 18, 1873;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 84 of the session laws of 1851, approved April 4, 1861, entitled "An act to establish the township line between the townships of Harrison and Clinton, in the county of Macomb."

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

Mr. Burleigh, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor, approved March 23, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18, 1871, approved March 18, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drinks."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No 49, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of chapter 215 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 6790, relative to the lien of mechanics and others,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Williams moved that the bill be ordered to take immediate effect, Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor.

Senate bill No. 51, entitled

A bill to amend section 7761 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting herefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Baxter,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Nelson,	Redfield,		27

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Mr. Burch,				1
Title agreed to.				
Senate bill No. 50, entitled				
A bill to amend section 5231 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to probate courts;				
Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:				

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Hinchman,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Jenney,	Read,	Williams,	
Edsell,	McElroy,	Redfield,		19

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Taylor,	
Andrus,	Markey,	Rankin,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Nelson,			10
Title agreed to.				
Mr. Burch moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill.				
Which motion did not prevail.				

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate went into committee of the whole, on the general order,
Mr. Burch in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

Senate bill No. 30, entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of land companies;

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate and ask leave to sit again.

MARSDEN C. BURCH, *Chairman.*

Mr. Edsell moved that the committee have leave to sit again for the consideration of the bill,

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, February 16, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bryant.

Roll called : a quorum present.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bills to the Governor under the rules :

A bill to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being sections 5180 and 5181 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the courts of chancery.

A bill to repeal section one of chapter ten of act No. sixty-two of the session laws of 1875.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Osborn : Petition of T. L. Chadbourne and 15 other citizens of Houghton county, asking that Houghton county be granted the privilege of issuing bonds to raise money to improve the Houghton and State line road, between Houghton and the Baraga county line ;

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Tyler : Remonstrance of Thomas Johnson and nineteen other citizens of Bay county, against the passage of any law prohibiting the running of deer with dogs ;

Also,

Remonstrance of A. J. Ashley and 37 other citizens of Bay county, to the same effect.

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Rankin : Petition of Thomas S. Bishop, of Fenton, Genesee county, relating to fishing with seines and continuous nets in the waters of inland lakes ;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Burch : Remonstrance of J. M. Rice, W. E. Ambler, R. M. Montgomery, and 71 others, citizens of Oceana county, against the application of the saloon tax to the county poor fund.

By the same : Remonstrance of W. B. Sands, E. G. Maxwell, A. W. Newark and 45 other citizens and taxpayers of Oceana county, to the same effect ;

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Taylor : Petition of L. B. Huntington, M. Burt, and sixty others, citizens of the county of Shiawassee, for a charter for the village of Laingsburg.

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A joint resolution to provide for a revision of the system of keeping State accounts,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and

have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 54, 57, 76 of chapter six, being compiler's sections 85, 88, and 107 of compiled laws 1871, relative to elections,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill fixing the pay of the supervisors for the county of Kent,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for a contingent fund for certain township purposes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on military affairs:

The committee on military affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 31 and 94 of an act entitled "An act for the reorganization of the military forces of the State of Michigan," approved January 18, 1862, being compiler's sections 858 and 921 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 116 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 18, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

L. J. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 89, 91, 95, 156, 157, 158 and 159 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of St. Clair," approved March 18th, 1863,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor," approved March 23d, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18th, 1871, approved March 18th, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place of furnishing meals, food or drinks,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance:

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

A bill relative to appropriations,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with a substitute therefor, entitled

A bill relative to appropriations,

Recommending that the substitute be adopted and do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 35 (printed No. 3), entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of lodges of Knights of Pythias;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have

directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill in relation to voluntary assignments, and to compel assignees to give security;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to repeal sections 4757 and 4758 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State House of Correction:

The committee on State House of Correction, to whom was referred

A bill to regulate and govern the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. D. NELSON, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act relative to laying out, altering and discontinuing highways," being chapter 26 of compiled laws of 1871, by adding thereto a new section, to stand as section 20;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment,

and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 31 (printed No. 60), entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Carrollton to aid in the purchase, or building of a bridge across the Saginaw river, to be thereafter maintained as a free bridge,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on the Agricultural College:

The committee on the Agricultural College, to whom was referred so much of the messages of the Governor and the retiring Governor as refers to the State Agricultural College,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the support of the State Agricultural College, to pay the expense of State Board the of Agriculture, to erect a new hall, and for repairs and other improvements at the State Agricultural College;

And also with the accompanying statement, of the various officers, professors, and employes of said Agricultural College, with the amount of salary paid them respectively.

Recommending that the bill do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman*.

The following is the accompanying statement:

STATEMENT of the various officers, professors and employes of the State Agricultural College, with the amount of salary paid them respectively:

President of the college, salary	\$3,000 00
Professor of chemistry, "	2,000 00
Professor of English literature, salary	2,000 00
Professor of botany, salary	2,000 00
Professor of Zoölogy and entomology, salary	2,000 00
Professor of agriculture, salary	1,000 00
Superintendent of farm and horticultural departments, salary	2,000 00
Secretary, salary	250 00
Instructor in mathematics, salary	1,000 00
Assistant in chemistry, salary	800 00
Steward and wife, salary	700 00

Foreman in greenhouse, salary.....	\$600 00
Foreman on farm, salary.....	500 00
Foreman in garden, salary.....	600 00
Instructor in literature, salary.....	500 00
Herdsmen, salary.....	365 00
Three regular teamsters, salary @ \$18.00 per month.....	648 00
Total of salaries.....	<u>\$19,963 00</u>

Report accepted.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Agricultural College and appropriations and finance jointly.

By the committee on education :

The committee on education, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 40, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of act 105, of session laws of 1837, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Michigan and Huron Institute,' approved March 21, 1837,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, February 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill :
Senate bill No. 22, entitled

A bill to amend section 2, of act No. 15, of the session laws of 1875, approved February 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers;"

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended section 2 of the same so as to read as follows :

Sec. 2. Every person who shall at any hotel, inn, boarding house, or private house, order or cause to be furnished any food, or accommodation with intent to defraud the owner or proprietor of such hotel, inn, boarding house or private house out of the value of such food, or accommodation, and every person who shall obtain credit at any hotel, inn, boarding house, or private house, by the use of any false pretense, or device ; and any person who, after obtaining credit or accommodation at any hotel, inn, boarding house, or private house shall surreptitiously remove his baggage or property therefrom with intent to defraud the owner or keeper thereof, shall, upon conviction, be adjudged guilty

of a misdemeanor; and on conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding ninety days, or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court;

And further to inform the Senate that the House has amended the title to the said bill so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, approved Feb. 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers," so that the provisions of the act shall apply to private house and boarding house-keepers,

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	24

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Waterbury,	Mr. Williams,	
Morse,				5

Title, as amended, agreed to.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to re-return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 11, entitled

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages;

To which the House have made certain amendments as reported by former message, the first named of which was as follows:

Strike out of recited section 45, commencing in line 7, the words "and that the estate of said mortgagee or assignee has no legal representatives," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and that at least three months have elapsed since the death of the deceased, and that the names and residences of the legal representatives, if any there are, of the mortgagee or assignee, are unknown to the petitioner;"

And which the Senate amended by adding to the end thereof the following:
 "And that he has been unable to ascertain the same, after diligent search and inquiry;"

And now to inform the Senate that in the said amendment the House has concurred;

And further to inform the Senate relative to the second named House amendment, which was as follows:

Add to the end of the section the following: "such certificate may be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of any county where the lands described in the mortgage are situated, in a book to be provided by such register, at the expense of the county; such record shall have the same effect as evidence and notice as the record of deeds and mortgages;"

In which the Senate non-concurred;

That the House now recedes from the same.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am instructed by the House to re-transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 58 (printed No. 21), entitled

A bill to legalize the special assessments and tax rolls of the village of Northville, county of Wayne, for the years 1875 and 1876,

Which the Senate amended in the fifth line of section 1 by changing the word "certificate" to "certificates," and to inform the Senate that in the said amendment the House has non-concurred.

Very Respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Burch moved that the Senate recede from its action in amending the bill.

Which was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Andrus,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Rankin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Read,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Redfield,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Nelson,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Perrin,
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Pending the announcement of the vote,

Mr. Morse moved that Mr. Perrin be excused from voting;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Perrin then voted as recorded above.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Lansing, Feb. 15, 1877.

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Kalamazoo, county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1876,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a two-thirds vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Wilcox gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to an attorney or solicitor's fee stipulated in an indenture of mortgage;

Also,

A bill to prevent invalidation of lien by levy of execution from title by unrecorded conveyances in certain cases.

Mr. Edsell gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 188 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 5954, relative to proof of demands in suit.

Mr. Breitung gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3705 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the qualifications of school district officers.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 986 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the Board of State Auditors to contract for the printing and sale of the Supreme Court reports and for the distribution of the same, and to repeal sections 5 and 6 of chapter 180, being sections 5655 and 5656 of the compiled laws of 1871, also to repeal section 7 of same chapter, being compiler's section 5657 as amended by act No. 137 of the session laws of 1873, relative to the appointment of a state reporter; and also to repeal act No. 217 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 3d, 1875, entitled an "Act to provide for the republication and sale of such of the reports of the Supreme Court of this State as are or may become out of print."

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7 of an act to incorporate State and subordinate granges, approved April 8th, 1875.

Mr. Taylor gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate the village of Laingsburg.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate Jackson Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons.

Mr. Tyler gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to organize the public library of Bay City;

Also,

A bill to reorganize the 18th judicial circuit and create the 23d judicial circuit.

Mr. Morgan gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making an appropriation for furnishing the new State Capitol;

Also,

A bill to authorize registers of deeds to procure a seal of office;

Also,

A bill making an appropriation for improvement of the grounds surrounding the new capitol, and furnishing the legislative halls, the State library, and Supreme Court room therein;

Also,

A bill making appropriation for completing the new State capitol, and for the electrician work for said building.

Mr. Adair gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the division of the township of Hamtramck, Wayne county, into two districts for general election purposes.

Mr. Foote gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 230 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 5539, relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace;

Also,

A bill to change the name of John William Hale, to John William Northwood.

Mr. Jenney gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the incorporation of lodges of Sons of Temperance.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Act No. 231 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 3, 1875, entitled "An act to prevent the sale or delivery of intoxicating liquors, wine, and beer, to minors, and to drunken persons, and to habitual drunkards; to provide a remedy against persons selling liquor to husbands or children in certain cases;"

Also,

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of act No. 228 of the session laws of 1875, relative to the taxa-

tion of the business of manufacturing and selling spirituous and intoxicating, malt, brewed, or fermented liquors.

Mr. Waterbury moved to take from the table

Senate bill number 48, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 27, of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the approval of the official bonds of county officers by the board of supervisors;"

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Andrus gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to establish a State board of censors, and to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery.

Mr. Adair gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate St. Andrew's societies.

Mr. Freeman moved to take from the table

Senate bill number 36, entitled,

A bill to amend section 5 of act number 79 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of railroads, and to define his powers, duties, and fix his compensation."

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to legalize the action of the Board of Supervisors of Kalkaska county in erecting the township of Grayling.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Tyler, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 4582 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to sales by executors;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 4822 and 4830 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to guardians and wards.

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Taylor, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend act No. 138, approved April 27th, 1875, being an act to amend sections 1, 2, and 3 of chapter 65 of an act entitled an act to authorize dissection in certain cases for the advancement of science, being sections 2110, 2111, 2112 of the compiled laws of 1871.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

Mr. Breitung, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for mining iron ore, and for manufacturing iron and steel, and to authorize existing corporations engaged in such mining and manufacturing to reorganize hereunder ;

Also,

A bill to revise an act entitled " An act to provide for the collection of tolls, and for the care, charge, and operating of the St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal," approved February 12, 1855.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on canals and river and harbor improvements.

Mr. Baxter, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to define and limit the term of office of officers and commissioners appointed by the Governor, in cases not otherwise defined and limited.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Jackson to transfer certain money from the fire department fund to the sinking fund of said city ;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the rule requiring a second and third reading of bills to be on different days be suspended, and the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Foote, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 54 of act No. 496, of the laws of 1867, entitled " An act to amend an act entitled ' An act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Saginaw, ' " approved February 5th, 1859 ;

Also,

A bill relative to the service of garnishee process upon corporations.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 41 of chapter 10, being compiler's section 517, of the compiled laws of 1841, relative to county officers;

Also,

A bill to amend section 2163 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the encouragement of agriculture, manufacture, and the mechanic arts.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on agricultural interests.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to reorganize the first and fourth judicial circuits, and to create the twenty-second judicial circuit;

Also,

A bill to amend "An act to prevent the sale or delivery of intoxicating liquors, wine, and beer to minors, and to drunken persons, and to habitual drunkards; and to provide a remedy against selling liquor to husbands or children in certain cases," approved May 3, 1875.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Newcomb asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for the forenoon.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Wilcox in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

Senate bill No. 30, entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of land companies.

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate and ask leave to sit again.

E. R. WILCOX, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

Leave was granted the committee to sit again for the further consideration of the bill.

Mr. Tyler moved that the Senate do now adjourn to Monday evening, February 19, at half past eight o'clock.

Mr. Burch called for the yeas and nays.

The motion was then not agreed to, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Perrin,	Mr. Shoemaker,	Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Tyler,
Redfield,			

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NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Packard,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Read,
Breitung,	Foote,	Morse,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Williams,

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Pending the announcement of the vote,

Mr. Morse moved that Mr. Burleigh be excused from voting;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Burleigh then voted as recorded above.

Mr. Read moved that the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, February 17, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cook.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Wm. Cook asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Read for Saturday and Monday.

Mr. Shoemaker asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Redfield for to-day and Monday.

Mr. Shoemaker asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. McElroy until Wednesday morning.

Mr. Freeman asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Morgan for to-day.

Mr. Tyler asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Markey for to-day.

Mr. Foote asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. D. R. Cook until Tuesday.

Mr. Waterbury asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Nelson for to-day.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The rules were suspended, and the Senate took up business under the order of

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Wm. Cook gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for an appropriation for the State Prison at Jackson.

Mr. Edsell gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to the salary of county clerks.

Mr. Wilcox gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 15 of an act entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon," being section 981 of the compiled laws of 1871.

Mr. Baxter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7449 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 135 of the session laws of 1873, in relation to the fees of appraisers, commissioners, and other officers;

Also,

A bill to protect the rights of aged, infirm, and weak-minded persons;

Also,

A bill to amend section 7488 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the costs of proceedings in criminal cases;

Also,

A bill to provide for the preparation and publication of an index to general laws passed at the sessions of the Legislature for the years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1877, and at stated periods thereafter;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to regulate proceedings in attachment against foreign corporations in certain cases," approved April 4th, 1871, being compiler's section 5519, of compiled laws of 1871;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 1 and 3 of an act entitled "An act for the protection of land, and to punish the cutting and carrying away of timber therefrom," approved March 27th, 1867, being compiler's sections 7612 and 7614, of the compiled laws of 1871;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1, chapter 72, of the revised statutes of 1846, being compiler's section 4420, of the compiled laws of 1871, in relation to payment of debts and legacies of deceased persons.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the manner of electing trustees in union school district No. 1 of the city of Jackson.

Mr. Tyler gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to detach certain territory from Saginaw county and attach the same to Bay county;

Also,

A bill to detach certain territory from Midland and Gladwin counties and attach the same to Bay county;

Also,

A bill to make an appropriation for the Board of Fish Commissioners for the years 1877 and 1878.

Mr. McElroy gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 106 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 23, 1875, relative to the qualifications of voters and officers in school districts;

Also,

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 9, of act No. 62, of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 1046 and 1047, chapter 21, compiled laws, relative to advertising lands to be sold for taxes.

Mr. Osborn gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill providing for two voting precincts in the township of Calumet, in the county of Houghton, defining the limits thereof, providing for a new registration of the voters thereof, and determining who shall be inspectors of election therein.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the appointment of a commission for the survey and establishment of the boundary line between the States of Michigan and Wisconsin;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 512, 517, 538, 550, 576, 577 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to county officers;

Also,

A bill to amend compiler's sections numbered 467, 469, 470, 472, 477, 478, 483 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties.

Mr. Rankin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the city of Flint.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Williams called for the yeas and nays.

The motion did not prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Breitung,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Hinchman,	Mr. Rankin,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Jenney,	Shoemaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Waterbury,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Tyler,	Williams,
Chamberlain,			

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Mr. Shoemaker asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for to-day and Monday.

Mr. Burleigh asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for to-day and Monday.

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3726, of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 14 of an act for the relief of school districts;

Also,

Joint resolution requesting the Commissioner of Insurance to confer with Commissioners of Insurance in other States, and prepare and present to the next Legislature, in January, 1879, a form of law to govern life insurance companies doing business in this State.

Mr. Burch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the incorporation of the city of Cadillac, and to repeal act No. 336 of the session laws of 1875.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution :

Whereas, By the charter of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway it appears that the Auditor General is authorized to order such other reports than the annual report of said corporation to be made to him, on oath, as he may deem necessary for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of taxation annually due from said company to this State;

And whereas, The basis of taxation of said railway has remained the same for over twenty years, as appears by the message of Governor Bagley, affording no increase in the amount of annual taxes paid to the State for that time;

And whereas, The committee on railroads in their late report to the Senate say they are of the opinion that the Auditor General is the proper and, indeed, *the only officer* with power to inquire into and correct the evil, if one exists;

And whereas, Said committee *have failed* to ascertain and report whether the Auditor Generals have, since February, 1865, at least, ever exercised said "power to inquire into and correct" said evil, to see whether it exists or not;

Therefore resolved, That the Auditor General be requested to report to the Senate as early as possible, whether he or his predecessors in office, have ever ordered any other than the usual annual report of said corporation, to be made to him on oath, for the purpose of enabling him to ascertain the amount of taxation which said corporation should of right, and under the law, pay annually into the State Treasury, and if any such orders and inquiries have been made, to report the responses of said company thereto and the action of the Auditor Generals thereon;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Osborn gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to alter the boundary line between Houghton and Baraga counties.

Mr. McElroy moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Waterbury moved to amend the motion so that when the Senate adjourns, it stand adjourned until Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock;

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to adjourn until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock,

Mr. Williams called for the yeas and nays.

The motion did not prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Breitung,
Burch,

Mr. Foote,
Jenney,

Mr. McElroy,

Mr. Rankin,

NAYS.

Mr. Adair,
Andrus,
Baxter,
Chamberlain,

Mr. Edsell,
Freeman,
Hinchman,
Morse,

Mr. Osborn,
Packard,
Perrin,
Tyler,

Mr. Waterbury,
Wilcox,
Williams,

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Wilcox, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill relative to an attorney or solicitor's fee stipulated in an indenture of mortgage ;

Also,

A bill to prevent the invalidation of lien by levy of execution from title by unrecorded conveyances in certain cases.

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Breitung, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 3705, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the qualifications of school district officers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

Mr. Edsell, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 188 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 5954, relative to proof of demands in suit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Tyler, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to organize the public library of Bay City ;

Also,

A bill to reorganize the 18th judicial circuit and create the 22d judicial circuit.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Foote, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to change the name of John William Hale to John William Northwood ;

Also,

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 230 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 5539, relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace ;

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the Board of State Auditors to contract for the printing and sale of the Supreme Court reports and for the distribution of the same, and to repeal sections 5 and 6 of chapter 180, being sections 5655 and 5656 of the compiled laws of 1871, also to repeal section 7 of same chapter, being compiler's section 5657 as amended by act No. 137 of the session laws of 1873, relative to the appointment of a State reporter; and also to repeal act No. 217 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 3d, 1875, entitled an "Act to provide, for the republication and sale of such of the reports of the Supreme Court of this State as are or may become out of print."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committees on appropriations and finance and judiciary, jointly.

Mr. Andrus, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to establish a State board of censors, and to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public health.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill relative to payment of losses by fire and marine insurance companies; Also,

A bill to amend section 986 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes.

The first-named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on insurance.

The second-named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriation and finance.

Mr. Waterbury moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Tuesday, February 20, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ashwith.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senators Breitung and Taylor.

Mr. Hinchman asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Taylor for to-day.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Breitung for to-day and to-morrow.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Nelson: Petition of R. S. Choppell, B. F. Norton, and 90 other citizens of Ottawa county, asking for the passage of House bill No. 1, in relation

to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative, and other benevolent associations within this State ;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Read : Petition of R. H. Morrison and 21 others, citizens of Sturgis, in favor of the passage of House bill No. 1, relative to mutual benefit, coöperative, and other benevolent associations ;

Also,

Petition of Geo. K. Loring and 42 other citizens of White Pigeon, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of L. A. Clapp, E. W. Talbot, and 25 other citizens of Centerville, St. Joseph county, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of William Jones and 50 other citizens of Cassopolis, Cass county, for the same object ;

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Perrin : Petition of Adam Beattie and 46 others of Ovid, Clinton county, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, in relation to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative, and other benevolent associations within this State ;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Hinchman : Petition of sundry citizens of Canton, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, in relation to mutual benefit, coöperative, and other benevolent societies ;

Also,

Petition of sundry citizens of Wayne, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on state affairs.

By the same : Remonstrance of citizens of Dearborn, against the passage of any law for the increase of salaries of the county auditors of Wayne county ;

Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By Mr. D. R. Cook : Petition of G. W. Ford and 21 others, relative to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative, and other benevolent societies ;

Also,

Petition of C. A. Hough and 17 others, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Osborn : Petition of William Condon and 16 others, business men and tax-payers of Houghton county, for the raising of money by bonds to improve the road from Houghton village to the county line of Houghton and Baraga counties ;

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By the same : Petition of J. N. Wright, John Duncan, and 190 others, citizens of Calumet, asking provision for two voting precincts in said township, and a new registration of the voters thereof ;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Rankin : Petition of O. S. Pond, J. C. Razeau, A. C. Andrus, and 45 others, citizens of Flushing, Genesee county, asking for the passage of House bill No. 1, in relation to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative, and other benevolent associations ;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Burch : Petition of N. B. Clock and 30 others, citizens of Sheridan, Newaygo county, in relation to House bill No. 1, relative to mutual benefit and co-operative societies ;

Also,

Petition of O. W. Knox, A. H. Nelson, and 12 others, citizens of Hart, Oceana county, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Edward E. Edwards, T. T. Woods, and 85 others, citizens of Freemont, Newaygo county, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Remonstrance of the mayor and common council of the city of Big Rapids against the application of the liquor tax to the county poor fund;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Packard: Petition of C. S. Adams, J. W. Johnson, and 25 other citizens and tax-payers of Antwerp, Van Buren county, asking the passage of House bill No. 1, in relation to the organization of mutual benefit, co-operative, and other benevolent associations in this State;

Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By Mr. Tyler: Remonstrance of S. C. Wilson and 26 other citizens of Bay county, against the passage of any law prohibiting running deer with dogs.

Also,

Remonstrance of Wm. Keith and 18 other citizens of Bay county, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Freeman: Petition of E. H. Taylor and 23 other citizens of Vassar, Tuscola county, praying for passage of the bill to facilitate the organization of coöperative and mutual benefit associations, it being House bill No. 1;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Foote: Petition of Frank W. Allen and 80 others, citizens and tax payers of the city of Saginaw, asking an amendment of the law relative to the election of members of the Board of Education of said city;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By Mr. Burleigh: Petition for a liberal protection of the manufacture and selling of beer in contradistinction to manufacture of spirituous liquors;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Petition of Mr. Christian Mack, N. B. Wood, T. M. Cooley and 116 others, for the establishment of a reform institution for women and girls;

Referred to the committee on religious and benevolent societies.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was recommitted

Senate bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to define the powers and duties of officers authorized to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity, and to prescribe the notice to be given in such cases,

Which the House amended as follows:

1. By adding to the end of section 3 the following: "But shall not be required to post any notice of such adjourned sale except at the place where said sale is to be made."

2. By striking out of section 5, line 2, the words "or otherwise than."

3. By adding to the bill the following, to stand as section 7:

"Sec. 7. The circuit court commissioner, or any other officer or person, giving notice of sale under this act, shall be allowed the following fees for posting

such notice: when the notice is only required to be posted in the township or city where the sale is to take place, one dollar; when said notice is also required to be posted in the township where the property is located, two dollars, and in addition thereto ten cents a mile for travelling by the nearest travelled route."

4. By adding to the bill the following, to stand as section 8:

"Sec. 8. All the lawful fees allowed under this act shall be added as costs to the amount due upon said decree or final order;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the Senate concur in said amendments, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Freeman moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker.
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

By the committee on insurance:

The committee on insurance, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 2952 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to life insurance companies transacting business within this State;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State House of Correction:

The committee on State House of Correction, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 50 of an act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State Prison, being act 213 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 3, 1875;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment,

and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. D. NELSON, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 28, 29, 39, 47, 49, and 52, and to repeal sections 67 and 68 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ionia," approved March 21, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. W. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on fisheries:

The committee on fisheries, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's message that refers to fish culture in this State,

Would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and in the discharge of their duty have visited Pokagon and Detroit, and found the hatchery in both places in successful operation. Your committee found that fish culture is no longer an experiment, and believe it is practical, and the board of commissioners are confident that they, with the improved method of hatching fish, will be able to stock the rivers and inland lakes of the State to any extent that may be desirable.

The committee would respectfully refer the Senate to the full and able report of the Superintendent of the State Fisheries, for the years of 1875 and 1876, for any information necessary in relation to fish culture.

Your committee have directed me to report to the Senate the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the board of fish commissioners for the years of 1877 and 1878;

And recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. V. TYLER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on fisheries and appropriations and finance, jointly.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred so much of the retiring Governor's message as refers to legislative action to regulate right of bridges over railroads,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to report herewith a bill entitled

A bill to regulate the length of bridges over railroad tracks.

And recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That Dr. C. T. Wilbur, Superintendent of the Illinois Asylum for feeble-minded children of Jacksonville, Ill., and Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie, Bishop of Western Diocese of Michigan, be and are hereby invited to address the Legislature upon the subject of "Idiocy, and the treatment of Idiots;"

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 16, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 161 (printed No. 80), entitled

A bill to legalize the tax roll of the township of Grant, in the county of Iosco, for the year 1876,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days was suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,

Mr. Burch,	Mr. Hinchman,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,	28

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Read,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 19, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 316, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of St. Clair, county of St. Clair, for the year 1876,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days was suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,	28

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Baxter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution to amend section 28, of Article IV., of the constitution, relative to the time within which bills may be introduced;

Also,

A joint resolution proposing to add a section to Article IV. of the constitution of this State, relative to the legislative department;

Also,

A bill to amend section 11, of chapter 48, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1788, as amended by act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, in relation to sale of lands delinquent for township drain taxes;

Also,

A bill to provide for the collection of damages sustained by reason of defective bridges, culverts, sidewalks, and crosswalks, upon the public streets in incorporated cities and villages;

Also,

A bill to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of State property, and to define his powers and duties, and fix his compensation;

Also,

A bill to provide for the appointment of a board of railroad commissioners, and to define their powers and duties, and to fix their compensation;

Also,

A bill to provide for the establishment, government and control of union work-houses and alms-houses;

Also,

A bill to locate and establish district alms-houses;

Also,

A bill relative to deeds and conveyances imperfectly acknowledged.

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend compiler's section 974 of the compiled laws of 1871, it being recited section 8 of act No. 156 of session laws of 1875, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1290 of compiled laws of 1871, relating to encroachments upon highways;

Also,

A bill to provide for the erection of a hall for the education of young ladies at the Agricultural College;

Mr. Rankin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for a registration of electors in the city of Flint;

Also,

A bill to re-organize union school district of the city of Flint.

Mr. Nelson gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Muskegon.

Mr. Edsell gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the appointment of three bank commissioners to examine, revise, amend, and add to the banking laws;

Also,

A bill to appropriate State lands to clear the water course of Gunn river;

Also,

A bill to provide for the incorporation of Congregational churches;

Also,

A bill relating to the punishment of bank, safe, and vault robbery;

Also,

A bill to amend section 5 of act 79, session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to

provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Railroads, and to define his powers and duties and fix his compensation," approved April 10th, 1873.

Mr. Osborn gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to reorganize the township of Maple Ridge, Delta county.

Mr. Tyler gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Alabaster, in Iosco county, and organize the same into a separate township to be known as the township of Yucker.

Mr. Morgan gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 12 and 15 of act number 250 of the session laws of 1873, being an act to revise the charter of the city of Coldwater, being amendatory of "An act to incorporate the city of Coldwater," approved February 28, 1861, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

Mr. Hinchman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to grant aid for the construction of a tunnel under Detroit river;

Also,

A bill to amend section 578 of the compiled laws of 1871, in reference to the duties of coroners;

Also,

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to create a fire commissioner in the city of Detroit," approved March 18, 1871, and to add new sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37, thereto;

Also,

A bill to amend an act relative to free schools in the city of Detroit, approved Feb. 24, 1869, and acts amendatory thereto, approved March 27, 1873;

Also,

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the fire department of the city of Detroit," approved Feb. 14, 1840, and acts amendatory thereto, approved Jan. 14, 1855, approved March 16, 1861, approved April 3, 1869.

Mr. Foote gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 260 of the laws of 1865, entitled "An act to organize union school district of the city of Saginaw."

Mr. Perrin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to establish a homeopathic medical college, and to repeal act No. 128 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 27, 1875, entitled an "Act for the establishment of a homeopathic department of the University of Michigan;

Also,

A bill to amend section 3705 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 106 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 23, 1875, of an act entitled "An act to extend certain rights and privileges to persons who are tax payers, but not qualified voters in school districts;

Also,

A bill to amend section 2028 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 2 of an act to prevent animals running at large in the public highways;

Also,

A bill to authorize cities and villages to take private property for public uses ;
Also,

A bill to ratify the action of the board of control of railroad lands of the State of Michigan of the Governor of the State in disposing of and conveying certain lands for railroad purposes.

Mr. Morse gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1, act No. 11, session laws of 1869, relative to interest falling due on written contracts ;

Also,

A bill to provide for a uniformity of text books in the public schools of the State of Michigan ;

Also,

A bill to authorize supervisors of townships to administer oaths in certain cases.

Mr. Williams gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide a means for perfecting systems of keeping accounts in all public offices and public institutions of the State, and for the better preservation of all public moneys ;

Also,

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 138 of the session laws of 1855, approved February 13, 1855, being an act entitled "An act to authorize the Michigan Southern Railroad Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company ;"

Also,

A bill to amend sections 30, 31 and 37 of act No. 113 of the session laws of 1846, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Southern Railroad and to incorporate the Michigan Southern Railroad Company," approved May 9, 1846.

Mr. Newcomb gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for county superintendents of schools, and to repeal act No. 42 of the session laws of 1875, being "An act to amend sections 8 and 14, and to repeal section 13 of chapter 12 of the compiled laws of 1871, being consecutive sections 643, 648 and 649 relating to the powers and duties of townships and election and duties of township officers ; and to add eight new sections thereto to stand as sections 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111, repealing chapter 139 of the compiled laws of 1871 relating to county superintendents of schools ;

Also,

A bill to provide for the organization, regulation, and management of the asylums for the insane ;

Also,

A bill to reassess and collect certain taxes assessed in the village of Blissfield, as organized under the general law of 1873, being act No. 179 ;

Also,

A bill to provide for a better organization of school libraries.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 6, Article XIII., of the constitution of this State, relative to the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan.

Mr. Packard gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to establish a separate institution for the care of the blind, and make appropriation therefor.

Mr. Waterbury gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Lexington, in the county of Sanilac, and organize the same into a township to be known as the township of Moss.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the chairmen of the several committees on State institutions be requested to report to the Senate, as soon as may be, the amount of appropriations asked for by each institution.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Freeman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution requiring the fish commissioner of this State to enforce the law, and perfect and submit to owners of dams, plans for the construction of fish ladders on streams that are highways, or on any and all streams required by law.

Mr. Shoemaker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Jackson county to receive certain lands of the Jackson county agricultural society.

Mr. Wilcox gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to enable husband and wife, or either of them, to be a witness for or against each other, or on behalf of any party in certain cases.

Mr. Burleigh gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the use of ferrets in hunting rabbits.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Redfield, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the city of Monroe to erect and maintain water-works, and to provide means therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Wilcox, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 15 of an act entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon," being section 981 of the compiled laws of 1871.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7 of an act to incorporate State and subordinate granges, approved April 8th, 1875.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Baxter, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 1 and 3 of an act entitled "An act for the protection of land, and to punish the cutting and carrying away of timber therefrom," approved March 27th, 1867, being compiler's sections 7612 and 7614, of the compiled laws of 1871;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1, chapter 72, of the revised statutes of 1846, being compiler's section 4420, of the compiled laws of 1871, in relation to payment of debts and legacies of deceased persons;

Also,

A bill to amend section 7449 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 135 of the session laws of 1873, in relation to the fees of appraisors, commissioners, and other officers;

Also,

A bill to protect the rights of aged, infirm and weak-minded persons;

Also,

A bill to amend section 7488 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the costs of proceedings in criminal cases;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to regulate proceedings in attachment against foreign corporations in certain cases," approved April 4th, 1871, being compiler's section 5519, of compiled laws of 1871;

Also,

A bill to provide for the preparation and publication of an index to general laws passed at the sessions of the Legislature for the years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1877, and at stated periods thereafter.

The first, second, third, fifth and sixth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The fourth and sixth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill for the appointment of a commission for the survey and establishment of the boundary line between the States of Michigan and Wisconsin;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 512, 517, 538, 550, 576, 577, of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to county officers;

Also,

A bill to amend compiler's sections numbered 467, 469, 470, 472, 477, 478, 483 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The second and third named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A joint resolution requesting the Commissioner of Insurance to confer with

Commissioners of Insurance in other States, and prepare and present to the next Legislature, in January, 1879, a form of law to govern life insurance companies doing business in this State ;

Also,

A bill to amend act number 179 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 1 ; 1875, relating to persons liable to work on highways, and making assessment therefor ;

Also,

A bill to amend section 3726, of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 14 of an act for the relief of school districts.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on insurance.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill for the incorporation of the city of Cadillac, and to repeal act No. 336 of the session laws of 1875.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Morgan, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill making an appropriation for furnishing the new State capitol.

Also,

A bill making an appropriation for completing the new State capitol, and for the electrician's work of said building.

Also,

A bill to authorize registers of deeds to procure a seal of office.

Also,

A bill making an appropriation for improvement of the grounds surrounding the new State capitol, and furnishing the legislative halls, the State library, and supreme court room therein.

The first, second, and fourth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Edsell, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill relative to the salary of county clerks ;

Also,

A bill to provide for obtaining and publishing reports of banks, saving institutions, and trust companies organized under State laws.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. D. R. Cook, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill making appropriations for the State Reform School for the years 1877 and 1878.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Reform school and appropriations and finance, jointly.

Mr. Packard, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill making appropriation for the institution for educating the deaf and dumb, and the blind, for the years 1877 and 1878.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on asylum for the deaf, dumb, and blind and appropriations and finance, jointly.

Mr. Adair, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the division of the township of Hamtramck, Wayne county, into two districts for general election purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Markey, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend the 5th subdivision of section 10, compiler's section 2414, of an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies," approved April 18th, 187-.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

Mr. Osborn, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill providing for two voting precincts in the township of Calumet, in the county of Houghton, defining the limits thereof, providing for a new registration of the voters thereof, and determining who shall be inspectors of election therein;

Also,

A bill to alter the boundary line between Houghton and Baraga counties.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of act No. 228 of the session laws of 1875, relative to the taxation of the business of manufacturing and selling spirituous and intoxicating, malt, brewed, or fermented liquors;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of act No. 231 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 3, 1875, entitled "An act to prevent the sale or delivery of intoxicating liquors, wine, and beer, to minors, and to drunken persons, and to habitual drunkards; to provide a remedy against persons selling liquor to husbands or children in certain cases."

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committees on State affairs and the judiciary, jointly.

Mr. Osborn, previous notice having been given by Mr. Breitung, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to revise an act entitled "An act to provide for the collection of tolls and for the care, charge, and operating of the St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal," approved February 12th, 1855.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on canals and river and harbor improvements.

Mr. Wilcox, previous notice not having been given, by unanimous consent introduced

A bill relative to dividing townships and villages into electoral districts, and to provide for the registration of electors in such cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Willcox,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Willcox in the chair.

After some time spent therein the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report;

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill: Senate bill No. 30, entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of land companies;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

E. R. WILLCOX, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 21, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Benjamin Franklin.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Wm. Cook asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for the balance of the week after to-day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Wm. Cook: Remonstrance of S. V. Irwin, Horatio Gale, and 37 others, residents of Albion, against the passage of any law prohibiting the running of deer with dogs;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Burleigh: Petition from certain citizens and tax-payers of Ypsilanti, recommending the passage of House bill No. 1, in relation to the organization of mutual benefit, co-operative, and benevolent associations within this State:

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Foote: Remonstrance of the common council of the city of Saginaw against the passage of House bill No. 12 (general order No. 31), relative to a free bridge across the Saginaw river.

Mr. Foote moved that the remonstrance be printed in the journal,

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the remonstrance:

Whereas, Information has been received that a bill is now pending in the Legislature of this State, having for its object the construction of a free bridge across the Saginaw river within the limits embraced by the cities of Saginaw and East Saginaw; therefore,

Resolved, That the common council of the city of Saginaw does respectfully but most earnestly remonstrate against such action being taken, for the following, among other reasons, viz.:

There has already been constructed across the Saginaw river, between the cities of Saginaw and East Saginaw, three bridges, by private corporations, at an expense of not less than *one hundred thousand dollars*, all of which bridges are now in good repair, and afford ample facilities for the public to cross the river from any point within said cities, and at rates of toll that are not burdensome to any.

These bridges were built upon a pledge of the public faith that reasonable protection should be given to the parties who invested in them.

The maintenance of *all* of the three bridges now existing is of great public interest not only to the cities of Saginaw and East Saginaw, but to the people of the county at large.

They were constructed during the inflated period, and at a great cost. They are a very hazardous and perishable property, and require to be renewed on an average of not more than ten years, and require a large annual outlay for repairs in addition to the expense of operating them.

The tolls allowed by the original charter were not excessive, and have never yielded more than a reasonable return for the investment on the one having the most liberal travel, while on the upper and middle bridges the earnings have been far below what ordinary business yields; and on the upper bridge.

the original investment of \$25,500 cash, has been virtually lost to the stockholders.

The location of the three bridges within a distance of less than two miles space, and their connection on either side of the Saginaw river by streets traversing the margin of the river, causes the rates of tolls on one bridge necessarily to control the rates on the other two, or the travel will avoid the ones charging the higher rate, and go to the cheaper one.

This was conclusively proved during the last year. The Board of Supervisors reduced the rates of toll on the lower or Genesee street bridge, leaving the other two without modification; the loss of travel by reason of its being diverted to the bridge with the lower rates of toll compelled the equalization of tolls on all the bridges.

Under this condition of tolls the earnings of the two upper bridges were reduced to a point barely sufficient to defray the current expenses of operating the bridges; consequently any action that would divert travel from either of these bridge, as by the construction of a free bridge near either, would of necessity compel an abandonment of the ones whose earnings fall below the current expenses, repairs and renewals.

This would result in a great wrong to the stockholders, and great inconvenience to the public.

If it is argued that the municipalities adjacent should bear the expense of maintaining such bridges, it is a good answer that our taxes are already a burden, almost unbearable, and should be decreased rather than increased.*

The parties who are urging the passage of the bill for a free bridge are centered around a particular interest in the immediate vicinity of the lower or Genesee street bridge, and whose interests would be better served by the maintenance of the said last named bridge free from toll and the destruction of the others, their object being to bring every thing to one locality, while the true interests of the whole public will be best served by shielding the interests of the owners of the bridges now existing to such an extent that they may be maintained by private parties, instead of being abandoned, or the public compelled to assume them.

Or if it is assumed that it is expedient that the public should assume the control of any, it should be by action broad enough to provide for the purchase, care, repairs and maintenance of *all* the bridges as one transaction, which action would be premature at the present time, and should only be resorted to when the increased population and business of the county will warrant so uncertain an experiment.

For these, among other reasons, we earnestly remonstrate against any action by the Legislature, having for its object the establishment of a free bridge across the Saginaw river within the limits of the territory embraced by the cities of Saginaw and East Saginaw.

Resolved, That the comptroller of this city be directed to proceed to Lansing and deliver a copy of this preamble and resolutions to the Honorable Daniel P. Foote, our Senator from this district, and request him to lay the same before the Senate, before the said bill reaches its final passage.

The remonstrance was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

*The bonded debt of the city of Saginaw is.....	\$258,500 00
The bonded debt of the city of East Saginaw is.....	645,143 62
The bonded debt of Saginaw county is.....	100,000 00
Total.....	\$1,003,643 62

By Mr. Rankin: Petition of Oren Stone, C. S. Brown, H. H. Northrup, Geo. W. Fish, J. W. Begole, and 62 others, asking for certain changes in the acts organizing union school districts of the city of Flint.

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By Mr. Markey: Petition of John Greusel, Wm. A. Hickok, Conrad Clipper, Jacob Daniels and 168 others, relative to an amendment to the fifth subdivision of section 10, compiler's section 2414 of chapter 75 of compiled laws of 1871, it being an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies," approved April 18, 1871;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. Taylor: Petition of W. D. Whalen and 43 other citizens of Livingston county, in favor of legislation for mutual benefit coöperative associations;

Also,

Petition of Heman W. Clark and 16 others, citizens of same county, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of B. T. O. Clark and 40 others, citizens of same county, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Chamberlain: Petition of Thos. Mars, Freeman Franklin, John C. Miller, and 150 other tax-payers of Berrien county, asking that the tax derived from the sale of intoxicating liquors shall go into the poor funds for the support of the poor of the counties;

Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By Mr. Tyler: Remonstrance of C. A. Cooley and 159 other citizens of Bay county, remonstrating against the passage of an act reducing the toll on plank roads in Bay county;

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committees on railroads and public lands, jointly:

The committees on railroads and on public lands, to whom was jointly referred that portion of the retiring Governor's message referring to the grant of swamp lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Mackinaw to Marquette harbor, on Lake Superior, would respectfully report that they have had the matter under consideration, and have directed their chairmen, jointly, to report that in consideration of the importance to the State of the construction of such a railroad, and of the financial condition of the country, for the entire period that has elapsed since the passage of the bill authorizing the board of swamp lands to appropriate certain swamp lands to aid in construction of such road, which has thus far rendered any carefully guarded and satisfactory contract impracticable. And in further consideration of the careful safeguards against any improper or unwise use of the lands, and of there being full powers of the board of control of swamp lands to guard the interests of the State in the premises; and that no serious injury can result to the portion of the State through which such road is to run, and in which the lands so appropriated lie, by an extension of the time within which such board shall contract for, and within which such road shall be built; and your committees being satisfied that there is now a reasonable prospect of the early construction of the proposed railroad, if additional time is given.

Your committees are unanimous in the opinion that the best interests of the

country through which such road is to run, and of the entire State, will be subserved by continuing the powers of said board of control of swamp lands, under the original bill, and the amendments thereto, and extending the time for the building of such road for two years beyond the time provided for in said original bill and the amendments thereof.

Your committee herewith submit a bill to carry into effect the sentiments above expressed, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled "An act to authorize and empower the board of control of State swamp lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from the straits of Mackinaw to Marquette harbor on lake Superior," approved March 21, 1873, as amended by an act approved March 24, 1874, and by an act approved April 15, 1875,

And recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER,

Chairman of Committee on Railroads.

J. C. WATERBURY,

Chairman of Committee on Public Lands.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on insurance:

The committee on insurance, to whom was referred

Joint resolution requesting the Commissioner of Insurance to confer with Commissioners of Insurance of other States, and prepare and present to the next Legislature, in January, 1879, a form of law to govern life insurance companies doing business in this State,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the division of the township of Hamtramck, Wayne county, into two districts, for general election purposes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and as petitions relative to this subject have been referred to the committee on counties and townships, your committee have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it be referred to committee on counties and townships, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7 of an act to incorporate State and subordinate granges, approved April 8th, 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

So much of Governor Bagley's message as refers to the sinking fund and specific taxation,

Respectfully report that they have had the subject under consideration, and have directed me report back to the Senate the accompanying joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1 of Article IV. of the constitution of the State, relating to finance and taxation," and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

Governor Croswell's special message, together with the reports and documents of the Centennial managers,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report back to the Senate

Joint resolution authorizing the appropriation of money to liquidate the indebtedness and pay the salaries of the employés of the Michigan Centennial Board of Managers,

And recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to protect the rights of aged, infirm, and weak-minded persons,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on enrolled bills:

The committee on enrolled bills, to whom was referred

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1876;

Also,

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages;

Also,

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, approved February 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers," so that the provisions of the act shall apply to boarding-house keepers;

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the city of Monroe to raise money for the erection and maintenance of water works,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bills to the Governor under the rules:

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1876;

Also,

A bill to amend section 45 of chapter 150, being section 4247 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to alienation by deed and the proof and recording of conveyances and the canceling of mortgages;

Also,

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, approved February 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers," so that the provisions of the act shall apply to private house and boarding house keepers.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, February 20, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend section 2 of act No. 15 of the session laws of 1875, approved February 25, 1875, entitled "An act for the protection of inn and hotel keepers," so that the provisions of the act shall apply to private house and boarding-house keepers.

An act to repeal section 1, of chapter 10, of act No. LXII. of the session laws of 1875.

An act to amend sections 144 and 145 of chapter 176, being sections 5180 and 5181 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the courts of chancery.

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1876.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

The President announced a message from the Governor on executive business.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The message was referred to the committee on executive business.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 20, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 294, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the town of Chase, in the county of Lake, for the year 1876;

2. House bill No. 316, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1876, in the city of Greenville, county of Montcalm;

3. House bill No. 317, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Wyandotte, Wayne county;

4. House bill No. 318, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Hamtramck, in the county of Wayne, for the year 1876;

5. House bill No. 319, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of New Buffalo, Berrien county, for the year 1876;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,
Baxter,
Burleigh,

Mr. Edsell,
Foots,
Freeman,

Mr. Morgan
Nelson,
Newcomb,

Mr. Redfield,
Shoemaker,
Taylor,

Mr. Burch, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Hinchman, Jenney, Markey, McElroy,	Mr. Osborn, Perrin, Rankin, Read,	Mr. Tyler, Waterbury, Wilcox, Williams.	28
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus, Baxter, Burleigh, Burch, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Edsell, Foote, Freeman, Hinchman, Jenney, Markey, McElroy,	Mr. Morgan, Nelson, Newcomb, Osborn, Perrin, Rankin, Read,	Mr. Redfield, Shoemaker, Taylor, Tyler, Waterbury, Wilcox, Williams,	28
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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The second named bill was read a first and time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus, Baxter, Burleigh, Burch, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Edsell, Foote, Freeman, Hinchman, Jenney, Markey, McElroy,	Mr. Morgan, Nelson, Newcomb, Osborn, Perrin, Rankin, Read,	Mr. Redfield, Shoemaker, Taylor, Tyler, Waterbury, Wilcox, Williams,	28
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Read,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage,

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Baxter,	Footo,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	McElroy,			26

NAYS.

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Pending the announcement of the vote,

Mr. Baxter moved that Mr. Shoemaker be excused from voting:

Which motion prevailed.

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

By a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The fifth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,	
Baxter,	Footo,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burch,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Wm. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,	28

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Baxter moved that the rule requiring one day's notice of intention to introduce a bill or joint resolution, be and the same is hereby suspended, except as to bills providing for or amending acts of incorporation;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Taylor offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the committee on printing be and they are hereby instructed to provide for the printing of one thousand extra copies of the testimony taken, and the report of the joint committee, in relation to the defalcation in the laboratory department of the University of Michigan.

Mr. Baxter moved that the joint resolution be referred to the committee on printing;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Edsell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate tender a vote of thanks to our friends at the Agricultural College for the beautiful bouquet presented by them for the use of the Senate;

Which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Wilcox, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend act No. 345 of the session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Rochester;"

Also,

A bill to enable husband and wife, or either of them, to be a witness for or against each other, or on behalf of any party, in certain cases.

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Wilcox, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, relative to establishing water courses, and locating ditches or drains;

Also,

A bill to provide for the transfer of causes in justice courts in certain cases;

Also,

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low lands," approved March 22, 1869, and the acts amendatory thereto.

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Taylor, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to incorporate the village of Laingsburg.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Edsell, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the appointment of three bank commissioners to examine, revise, amend, and add to the banking laws;

Also,

A bill to appropriate State lands to clear the water course of Gunn river;

Also,

A bill to provide for the incorporation of Congregational churches;

Also,

A bill relating to the punishment of bank, safe, and vault robbery;

Also,

A bill to amend section 5 of act 79, session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Railroads, and to define his powers and duties and fix his compensation," approved April 10th, 1873.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The second and third named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and,

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The bills were laid on the table.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The fifth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

Mr. Rankin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to re-organize union school district of the city of Flint;

Also,

A bill to provide for a registration of electors in the city of Flint.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Rankin, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, and 34, of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Flint," approved March 20, 1867, and to add a new section thereto;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Freeman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution requiring the fish commissioner of this State to enforce the law, and perfect and submit to owners of dams, plans for the construction of fish ladders on streams that are highways, or on any and all streams required by law.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on fisheries.

Mr. Freeman, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 9 of article 2, of Oct., No. 198 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroads and other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

Mr. Burch, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to repeal act No. 42 of the session laws of 1875, the same being an act entitled "An act to amend sections 8 and 14, and to repeal section 13 of chapter 12 of the compiled laws of 1871, being consecutive sections 643, 648, and 649, relating to the powers and duties of townships and elections, and duties of township officers, and to add eight new sections thereto to stand as sections 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111, repealing chapter 139 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to county superintendents of schools, to re-enact sections 8, 13, and 14 of chapter 12 of the compiled laws of 1871, to provide for the creation, prescribe the powers and duties, fix the compensation and provide for the expenses of a State board of examiners of county superintendents of schools, to create the office of county superintendent of schools, provide for the appointment of the same, prescribe their powers, duties, term of office, and fix their compensation;

Also,

A bill to amend section 134 of chapter 178 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 5382, relative to judgments and the filing of transcripts thereof;

Also,

A bill to amend section 25 of chapter 6 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 56, relative to oath to be tendered to persons challenged at elections, and to amend section 9 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the election of circuit judges and regents of the University," approved March 10, 1851, the same being compiler's section 130 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to the oath to be administered to persons challenged at elections.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The second and third named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend compiler's section 974 of the compiled laws of 1871, it being recited section 8 of act No. 156 of session laws of 1875, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1290 of compiled laws of 1871, relating to encroachments upon highways.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Read, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to repeal section 107, of chapter 136, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 3667;

Also,

A bill to amend section 2 of chapter 41, being section 1632 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to interest.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on and appropriations and finance.

Mr. Foote, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 260 of the laws of 1865, entitled "An act to organize union school district of the city of Saginaw."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Foote, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to detach certain territory from the town of Frost, in the county of Clare, and to attach the same to the town of Sheridan, in said county;

Also,

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon."

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Mr. Newcomb, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for county superintendents of schools, and to repeal act No. 42 of the session laws of 1875, being "An act to amend sections 8 and 14, and to repeal section 13 of chapter 12 of the compiled laws of 1871, being consecutive sections 643, 648 and 649 relating to the powers and duties of townships and election and duties of township officers; and to add eight new sections thereto to stand as sections 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111, repealing chapter 139 of the compiled laws of 1871 relating to county superintendents of schools;

Also,

A bill to provide for the organization, regulation, and management of the asylums for the insane;

Also,

A bill to reassess and collect certain taxes assessed in the village of Blissfield, as organized under the general law of 1873, being act No. 179;

Also,

A bill to provide for a better organization of school libraries.

The first and fourth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on asylums for the insane.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide a means for perfecting systems of keeping accounts in all public offices and public institutions of the State, and for the better preservation of all public moneys;

Also,

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 138 of the session laws of 1855, approved February 13, 1855, being an act entitled "An act to authorize the Michigan Southern Railroad Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company;"

Also,

A bill to amend sections 30, 31 and 37 of act No. 113 of the session laws of 1846, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Southern Railroad and to incorporate the Michigan Southern Railroad Company," approved May 9, 1846.

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Mr. Williams, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution for the relief of Asahel Warner.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Perrin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to ratify the action of the board of control of railroad lands of the

State of Michigan of the Governor of the State in disposing of and conveying certain lands for railroad purposes ;

Also,

A bill to establish a homeopathic medical college, and to repeal act No. 128 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 27, 1875, entitled "An act for the establishment of a homeopathic department of the University of Michigan ;"

Also,

A bill to amend section 3705 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 106 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 23, 1875, of an act entitled "An act to extend certain rights and privileges to persons who are taxpayers, but not qualified voters in school districts ;"

Also,

A bill to amend section 2028 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 2 of an act to prevent animals running at large in the public highways ;

Also,

A bill to authorize cities and villages to take private property for public uses ;
The first and fifth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committees on University and appropriations and finance, jointly.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Perrin, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 9 of an act entitled "An act further to preserve the purity of elections, and guard against the abuses of the elective franchise by registration of electors," approved February 14, 1859, being section 167 of the compiled laws of 1871.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Shoemaker, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend "An act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Jackson," being "act 358" of the laws of 1875, approved April 24, 1875 ;

Also,

A bill to regulate the manner of electing trustees in union school district No. 1, of the city of Jackson ;

Also,

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Jackson county to receive certain lands of the Jackson county agricultural society.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on agricultural interests.

Mr. Shoemaker, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the judge of probate of Jackson county to appoint a probate register, and prescribing his duties and compensation ;

Also,

A bill to authorize the giving of premiums by agricultural and other societies, for the running and trotting of horses at fairs and regular meetings;

Also,

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 1632 of the compiled laws of 1871, for the punishment of the taking of usury:

Also,

A bill to amend "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for literary and scientific purposes," approved April 21, 1865, being chapter 112 of the compiled laws of 1871, exempting libraries from execution, and making directors liable for debts contracted by them.

The first and fourth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on agricultural interests.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Baxter, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution to amend section 28, of Article IV. of the constitution, relative to the time within which bills may be introduced;

Also,

Joint resolution proposing to add a section to Article IV. of the constitution of this State relative to the legislative department;

The two named joint resolutions were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

Mr. Baxter, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 11, of chapter 48, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1788, as amended by act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, in relation to sale of lands delinquent for township drain taxes;

Also,

A bill to locate and establish district alms-houses;

Also,

A bill relative to deeds and conveyances imperfectly acknowledged.

Also,

A bill to provide for the appointment of a board of railroad commissioners, and to define their powers and duties, and to fix their compensation;

Also,

A bill to provide for the collection of damages sustained by reason of defective bridges, culverts, sidewalks, and crosswalks, upon the public streets in incorporated cities and villages;

Also,

A bill to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of State property, and to define his powers and duties, and fix his compensation;

Also,

A bill to provide for the establishment, government and control of union work-houses and alms-houses;

The first, second, sixth and seventh named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

The fifth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Baxter, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 9 of chapter 55 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1992, relative to gaming;

Also,

A bill to amend section 12 of chapter 47 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1756, relating to sale of lands for county drain taxes.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Williams, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the references of certain causes in chancery involving an accounting between the parties;

Also,

A bill to amend section 4, of chapter 95, of the revised statutes of 1846, being compiler's section 5570, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to circuit court commissioners;

Also,

A bill to provide for the report of commissioners in certain causes in chancery;

Also,

A bill to reorganize the thirteenth, nineteenth, and twenty-first judicial circuits, and to create the twenty-third circuit.

The four named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Williams, leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution to authorize the agricultural land grant board to confirm the sale of certain agricultural college lands heretofore sold.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Wm. Cook, leave being granted, introduced

A bill making an appropriation for building additions and improvements to the State Prison at Jackson;

Also,

A bill relative to the care of persons insane or otherwise incompetent or dangerous, at the expiration of their term of office at the State Prison;

Also,

A bill for the protection of stockholders in railroad corporations;

Also,

Also a bill for the punishment of criminal offenses committed by convicts.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State Prison and appropriations and finance jointly.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on railroads.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Burleigh, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to prohibit the issue of free passes to the judges of the supreme or circuit courts, and to members of the Legislature, on the railroads of this State; Also,

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 6, Article XIII., of the constitution of this State, relative to the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

Mr. Taylor, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to maintain and aid the dental school in connection with the medical department of the State University, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to provide for an appropriation to enable the Board of Regents to establish and maintain a dental school in connection with the medical department of the State University."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committees on University, and appropriations and finance, jointly.

Mr. Tyler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Alabaster, in Iosco county, and organize the same into a separate township to be known as the township of Yucker.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

Mr. Tyler, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 104 of an act to revise and amend an act entitled "An act to revise and amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Bay City;"

Also,

A bill to detach sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36, in township 17 north of range 2 east, from the county of Gladwin and attach the same to the county of Bay.

The first-named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The second-named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

Mr. Osborn, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to reorganize the township of Maple Ridge, Delta county, by attaching thereto townships 42, 43 and 44, north of range 24 west, and township 44 north of range 22 west, and detaching the same from the township of Onota, Schoolcraft county, and also attaching to said township of Maple Ridge, Delta county, township 44 north of range 23 west, and detaching the same from Chocoley township, Marquette county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

Mr. Hinchman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to grant aid for the construction of a tunnel under Detroit river;

Also,

A bill to amend section 578 of the compiled laws of 1871, in reference to the duties of coroners;

Also,

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to create a fire commissioner in the city of Detroit," approved March 18, 1871, and to add new sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37, thereto;

Also,

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the fire department of the city of Detroit," approved Feb. 14, 1840, and acts amendatory thereto, approved Jan. 14, 1855, approved March 16, 1861, approved April 3, 1869.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The third and fourth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. McElroy, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 9, of act No. 62, of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 106 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 23, 1875, relative to the qualifications of voters and officers in school districts.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

Mr. Morgan, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend sections 12 and 15 of act number 250 of the session laws of 1873, being an act to revise the charter of the city of Coldwater, being amendatory of "An act to incorporate the city of Coldwater," approved February 28, 1861, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

Mr. Morgan, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to reorganize the board of education of the city of Coldwater.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

Mr. Andrus, leave being granted, introduced

A bill providing for a new registration of electors for the county of Kent.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Waterbury, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Lexington, in the

county of Sanilac, and organize the same into a township to be known as the township of Moss.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took a recess until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on religious and benevolent societies :

The committee on religious and benevolent societies, to whom was referred the petition of Christian Mack, Henry J. Warner, S. Hendrickson and 110 others, citizens of Ann Arbor, asking for the establishment of a reform institution for women and girls, respectfully report that the prayer of the petitioners is in full accord with the views of a large portion of the expressed wishes of the people of this State, and believing as we do that it is the right and duty of the State to make as equal provisions as possible for all classes of her citizens, therefore see no reason why the State should not make as ample provisions for the unfortunate female youth as it has made for the boys, and after due consideration have directed me to report the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill for the establishment of a House of Refuge and Reformatory Asylum for Females,

And recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State public school and appropriations and finance, jointly.

By the committee on cities and villages :

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 49 (printed No. 18), entitled

A bill to amend sections 23 and 42 of an act to incorporate the village of Hancock, the same being act No. 274 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Hancock," approved March 19, 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered reprinted, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for obtaining and publishing reports of banks, savings institutions, and trust companies organized under State law,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 21, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 2 (printed No. 43), entitled

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Ithaca;

2. House bill No. 80 (G. O. No. 45), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Wayne,

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Morse, leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution to amend section 5, of Article X., of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to sheriffs;

Also,

A bill to direct the Commissioner of the State Land Office to restore lands "reserved on contract," to market in certain cases.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Morse, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 1, act No. 11, session laws of 1869, relative to interest falling due on written contracts;

Also,

A bill to provide for a uniformity of text books in the public schools of the State of Michigan;

Also,

A bill to authorize supervisors of townships to administer oaths in certain cases;

Also,

A bill to amend section 18 of chapter 21 (compiler's section 984), compiled laws of 1871, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Mr. Chamberlain, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to repeal an act to establish a uniformity of text-books in the public schools of Berrien county, being act No. 375 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 19, 1873;

Also,

A bill to amend act No. 103 of the laws of 1875, being "An act to amend section 28 of an act entitled 'An act to revise and consolidate the several acts relative to the support and maintenance of poor persons,'" approved April 5, 1869, being section 1843 of the compiled laws of 1871.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The second-named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted introduced

A bill to provide for the erection of a hall for the education of young ladies at the Agricultural College.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Agricultural College, and appropriations and finance, jointly.

Mr. Read, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the insurance of State property by the several boards and commissioners having the same in charge.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Adair, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the incorporation of St. Andrews' societies.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Adair, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend section 31 of an act entitled "An act to amend sections 26, 31, and 37 of an act entitled 'an act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of the taxes thereon;'"

Also,

A bill to repeal an act to provide for the opening and improvement of roads on the line between adjoining townships, being sections 1214 of the compiled laws of 1871;

Also,

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend sections 70 and 93 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon,'" approved February 25, 1875.

The first and third named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Williams, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the county of Antrim to aid in the construction and maintenance of a bridge across Torch river;

Also,

Joint resolution to provide for the collection of any specific tax due this State from the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

Mr. Packard, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to establish a separate institution for the care of the blind, and make appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on asylum for the deaf, dumb, and blind, and appropriations and finance, jointly.

Mr. Packard, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize county superintendents of the poor to send paupers afflicted with cancer, to the Kalamazoo cancer infirmary for treatment.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public health.

Mr. Jenney, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the incorporation of lodges of Sons of Temperance.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Jenney, leave being granted, introduced

A bill further to preserve the purity of elections, and guard against abuses of the elective franchise, by facilitating the procurement of evidence in cases of contested elections, and to amend section 141 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to holding general and special elections;

Also,

A bill to amend section 2094 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the killing and destruction of quail;

Also,

A bill to authorize the State Board of Agriculture to provide for obtaining bovine virus at the State Agricultural College for the use of practicing physicians of the State;

Also,

A bill to amend section 1741 of the compiled laws of 1871 entitled "An act to authorize boards of health to dispose of real estate."

The first and second named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The third and fourth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on public health.

Mr. Wilcox, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to make it optional with towns to alter their system of repairing highways.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Morse moved that there be a call of the Senate;

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the Senate was called by the Secretary, and the following Senators reported absent without leave:

Senators Burleigh and Wm. Cook.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after the absentees.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

All further proceedings, except listening to excuses of Senators absent without leave, were dispensed with.

Mr. Tyler, leave being granted, introduced

A bill to detach certain territory from Midland county and attach the same to Bay county;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Burleigh at the bar of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

Mr. Burleigh was admitted within the bar, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Burleigh, previous notice having been given, introduced

A bill to prevent bribery in elections;

Also,

A bill to prohibit the use of ferrets in hunting rabbits;

Also,

A bill to provide for the furnishing of bonds by certain State officers;

Also,

Joint resolution to amend section 2 of Article IV. of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to the election of State Senators.

The several named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Waterbury moved that when the Senate adjourn it be until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Baxter moved to amend so that when the Senate adjourn it stand adjourned until Friday morning at 10 o'clock;

Pending which,

Mr. Read moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Mr. Read called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to adjourn prevailed by yeas and nays as follows, the President voting yea under the rules:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Tyler,
Edsell,	Morgan,	Read,	15

NAYS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Morse,	Taylor,	15

Lansing, Thursday, February 22, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Merrill.

Roll called: a quorum present.

By Mr. Morgan: Petition of H. Roy, T. C. Etheridge, P. P. Nichols, F. V. Smith, Thos. W. Dickinson, John H. Burch, Albert Chandler, A. J. Aldrich, L. M. Wing, John R. Champion, J. S. Barber, David Thompson, and others, to reorganize the Board of Education of the city of Coldwater;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By Mr. Adair: Petition of William Scully, Michael Kilclim, and 89 other tax-payers and water consumers of the township of Hamtramck, relative to water assessments;

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

By Mr. Shoemaker: Petition of Austin Blair and 85 other citizens of Jackson, praying for the passage of House bill 113, entitled "A bill to regulate the sale of medicines and poisons;"

Referred to the committee on public health.

By the same: Petition of J. C. Branch and 80 others, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, for the "organization of mutual benefit, co-operative, and other benevolent associations within this State;"

Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By Mr. Foote: Petition of J. A. Sanborn and many others, residents of the city of Saginaw, relative to a change of the school law of said city;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By Mr. Waterbury: Petition of E. R. McCredie, John Odiam, Andrew Gray, and 30 others, citizens of Lexington, Sanilac county, asking that certain territory be detached from the township of Lexington and organized into a new township, to be known as the township of Moss;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 80 (printed No. 45), entitled

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Wayne,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to incorporate the village of Laingsburg,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the fire department of the city of Detroit," approved February 14, 1840, and acts amendatory thereto, approved January 14, 1859, approved March 16, 1861, approved April 3, 1869,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the preparation and publication of an index to the general laws passed at the sessions of the Legislature for the years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1877, and at stated periods thereafter;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recom-

mentation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to change the name of John William Hall to John William Northwood,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 77 (printed No. 37), entitled

A bill to detach township No. (31) thirty-one north of range No. (5) five west from the present township of Central Lake, in the county of Antrim, and to attach the same to the township of Jordan in said county,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on fisheries:

The committee on fisheries, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 8 (printed No. 2), entitled

Joint resolution relative to fisheries in waters within the jurisdiction in part of different states and the British provinces;

Have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report herewith a substitute therefor, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress to pass a general law for the better protection of fish in the great lakes within the jurisdiction of the United States;

Recommending that the substitute be printed, and be referred to the committee of the whole, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. V. TYLER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The joint resolution was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Lansing, Feb. 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to meet a like committee of the Senate, to arrange for a joint meeting of the two Houses this evening, for exercises suitable to a proper commemoration of this day,

And to inform the Senate that Messrs. Hamilton, Welker, and Conely have been appointed a select committee, under above resolution.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Freeman offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three, upon the part of the Senate, be appointed, to confer with a like committee upon the part of the House of Representatives, to arrange for a joint meeting this evening, and such order of exercises as will suitably commemorate the day that gave birth to the "Father of his country;"

Which was adopted.

The President announced as such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Freeman, Read, and Redfield.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Lansing, February 21, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 96 (printed No. 49), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 177, being compiler's section 5245 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "An act requiring judges of probate in certain cases to give notice to foreign consuls, of an application for administration in the estate of deceased persons," approved March 18, 1865,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on federal relations.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate went into executive session at 10:20 o'clock A. M.

The executive session closed at 10:25 A. M.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Burleigh asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for the forenoon.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Perrin in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 52, entitled

A bill to amend section 4, and to repeal section 1, of chapter 40, of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7780 and 7777 of the compiled laws of 1871.

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on State affairs.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 53, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 24, and 28 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31st, 1871;

3. Senate bill No. 54, entitled

A bill to prevent the unlawful entry into any railroad freight car with intent to obtain carriage, etc.,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the first named bill was recommitted to the committee on State affairs.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the second and third named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

By unanimous consent, the following report was submitted:

The special committee, appointed under the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three upon the part of the Senate, be appointed to confer with a like committee upon the part of the House of Representatives, to arrange for a joint meeting this evening, and such order of exercises as will suitably commemorate the day that gave birth to the "Father of his country."

Respectfully report that they have met with a like committee on the part of the House, and prepared a concurrent resolution, embodying a programme of exercises for this evening, and that such concurrent resolution will be offered in the House, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN,

G. E. READ,

H. J. REDFIELD,

Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By unanimous consent, the President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That each House convene at 7½ o'clock this evening and meet in joint convention in Representative Hall at 7:45, that the Governor and State officers be invited to attend the joint convention; that the exercises of the joint convention be as follows:

Religious exercises;

Reading of Washington's Farewell Address, by Hon. Jas. H. Stone, Secretary of the Senate;

Reading of the following sentiments by Hon. Daniel L. Crossman, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

"Washington,—the Father of His Country,"—Responded to by Senator Baxter and Representative Little.

"Our Country, One and Indivisible,"—Responded to by Senator Burch and Representative Kelley.

"Our State,—The Beautiful Peninsula,"—Responded to by Senator Foote and Representative Mills.

Volunteer sentiments and short addresses.

Singing of the Doxology.

Benediction.

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent the President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that Messrs. Winchell, Little, and Morrison have been appointed as a committee on the part of the House to act with a like committee from the Senate to invite the State officers to be present at the joint convention this evening.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Edsell moved that a committee of three be appointed on the part of the Senate to act with the committee already appointed by the House, to invite the State officers to be present at the joint convention of the two houses this evening.

Which motion prevailed.

The President announced as such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Edsell, Tyler, and Chamberlain.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that Messrs. Welker, Wood, and N. Baker have been appointed a special committee to invite the Governor to take a seat with the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker during the joint convention this evening, the three as presiding officers.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Burch moved that a committee of three be appointed on the part of the Senate, to act with the committee already appointed by the House, to invite the Governor to be present as one of the presiding officers at the joint convention of the two houses this evening;

Which motion prevailed.

The President announced as such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Rankin, Adair, and Packard.

Mr. Morse asked and obtained leave of absence for himself until next Tuesday morning.

Mr. Adair moved that the Senate take a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Tyler moved that the Senate take a recess until half past seven o'clock this evening.

The question first occurring on the motion to take a recess until half past seven o'clock this evening,

The motion prevailed.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Nelson asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for the evening.

Mr. Hinchman asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Taylor until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. D. R. Cook asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for the evening.

Mr. Perrin asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for the evening.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The following report was submitted:

The special committee appointed by the Senate to act with a like committee on the part of the House, to call on and invite the State officers to attend the joint meeting of the two Houses in Representative Hall this evening, for the purpose of appropriately celebrating the birthday of George Washington, the Father of our country, respectfully report that they have discharged the duty

assigned them to the best of their ability, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSSELL,
C. V. TYLER,
W. CHAMBERLAIN,
Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The following report was submitted :

The select committee appointed to act with a like committee on the part of the House, to invite the Governor to take a seat as one of the presiding officers, with the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker, in the joint convention of the two Houses, to be held this evening, to commemorate by appropriate exercises, the birthday of Washington,

Would respectfully report that we have performed that duty; his excellency has signified his acceptance of the invitation, and the committee ask to be discharged.

F. H. RANKIN,
W. O. PACKARD,
WM. ADAIR,
Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following :

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, February 22, 1877. }

To the Legislature:

I am advised that the interior of the building known as the "cooper-shop" connected with the state prison was accidentally destroyed by fire this morning. The walls, which are of brick, are still standing, and it is supposed are not materially injured. The building was not insured and the loss will fall wholly upon the State. The original cost of the shop was about three thousand dollars, and it will probably require an appropriation of two thousand dollars and upwards to repair it and fit it for use. The "cooper contract" is an important one, now employing 59 men, and runs for a term of nearly seven years to come. Until the building is repaired, these men must be in a great measure without employment, and therefore on expense to the State. In view of the circumstances it is of importance that you immediately take such action in reference to this subject as to you shall seem wise and proper.

In this connection I desire to call your attention to the propriety of an amendment to the law for the government of the prison, authorizing the Board of Inspectors, in the event of the injuring or destruction of any of the shops or buildings by fire, with the approval of the Governor, to proceed to repair or rebuild the same, and to draw from the State Treasury in the manner provided by law the amount necessary for that purpose. As the law now stands, in the event of a fire when the legislature is not in session, the Board of Inspectors have no authority and no means to rebuild any building that may be so destroyed, and it is plain to be seen that a contingency might arise in which the public interests connected with the prison might be badly crippled for want of such power.

I may also add that this accident again suggests the importance of some uniform policy to be suggested by the legislature in reference to insurance on the public buildings of the State.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The message was referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced a committee from the House, who informed the Senate that the House was ready to receive the Senate in joint convention, for the purpose of appropriately commemorating the birthday of Washington.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives to meet the House in joint convention.

[For proceedings of the joint convention see House journal.]

The Senate returned to the Senate chamber and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, February 23, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Adair: Petition of about 1000 citizens and tax-payers of the city of Detroit, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, relative to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative and other benevolent associations within this State.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Burch: Remonstrance of the president, trustees, and 95 other citizens of Fremont, Newaygo county, against the application of the saloon tax to the county poor fund;

Also,

Remonstrance of Hon. Martin Morris, Gen. B. M. Cutcheon and 140 other citizens of Manistee county, to the same effect.

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Markey: Petition of Prof. S. W. Duffield, William Ten Eyck and 83 others for the passage of the bill to amend the 5th subdivision of section 10 (2414 C. L.), relating to railroad trains on highway crossings;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. Freeman: Petition of A. E. Halbert, Wm. M. Young and 62 other citizens of Palo, Ionia county, praying for the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits as a beverage.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Breitung: Petition of Edwin S. Green and 40 other citizens of Ne-

gaunee, relative to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative and other benevolent associations within this State;

Also,

Petition of G. S. Woodford, and 25 other citizens of Menominee, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of M. B. McGee and 45 other citizens of the town of Humboldt, Marquette county, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of J. B. Moon, and 39 others, citizens and tax-payers of Duplain, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, relative to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative and other benevolent associations within the State.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to prohibit the use of ferrets in hunting rabbits,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize registers of deeds to procure a seal of office,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 2028 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 2 of an act to prevent animals from running at large in the public highways,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to regulate the manner of electing trustees in union school district No. 1 of the city of Jackson,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the reference of certain causes in chancery, involving an accounting between the parties,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on printing:

The committee on printing, to whom was referred the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the committee on printing be and they are hereby instructed to provide for the printing of one thousand extra copies of the testimony taken, and the report of the joint committee, in relation to the defalcation in the laboratory department of the University of Michigan,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration. The taking of the testimony referred to in the resolution, not being yet completed, your committee are unable to estimate precisely the expense of printing the same until the quantity shall be ascertained, but from the best information now to be obtained, we find that the cost of printing one thousand extra copies will be under \$400; probably may not exceed \$350.

It appears to your committee that an examination of the testimony taken will be necessary to enable the members of the legislature and the people, to judge of the fruits of the investigation which has been ordered and is in progress, in a matter that has occupied so prominent a place in the public attention; they have, therefore, directed me to report the resolution back to the Senate without amendment, recommend that it be adopted, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

F. H. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the resolution was adopted.

By the committee on enrolled bills:

The committee on enrolled bills, to whom was referred

A bill to define the duties of officers authorized to sell real estate in pursu-

ance of decrees of courts of equity, and to prescribe the notice to be given in such cases,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849;

2. Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, sold for taxes and unredeemed, by the Auditor General;

3. Senate bill No. 29, entitled

A bill to amend section 254 of the compiled laws, being an act to establish the rate of fees to be charged by the Auditor General, for furnishing transcripts, lists, abstracts, and certificates;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to amend sections 18, 23, and 27, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875,

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same as shown by House general order No. 46, which is the House reprint for said bill, and reads as follows:

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact*, That sections eighteen, twenty-three, and thirty-two, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved on the nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1875, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 18. The common council shall have power to make all such by-laws and ordinances as they shall deem necessary for the preservation of the public peace;

for the suppression of riots; for the apprehension and punishment of vagrants, drunkards, and disorderly persons; to suppress all disorderly houses and houses of ill-fame, and to punish the keepers thereof; to prohibit every species of gaming; to prevent the selling or giving away of any spirituous or fermented liquors to any drunkard, minor, or apprentice; to regulate the keeping of gunpowder [or other explosives], and to prevent the discharge of every species of firearms; to prevent the violation of the Sabbath, and the disturbance of any religious congregation, or any other public meeting assembled for any lawful purpose; to provide against and punish any immoderate driving or riding in any of the streets of said village; relative to the restraining of swine, cattle, and other animals from running at large in any of the streets or alleys or other public places of said village; to establish and regulate one or more pounds for said village; [for the punishment of all lewd or lascivious behavior in said village;] to prevent the encumbering of the streets, alleys, or public squares of said village; to compel the occupants of lots to clear the sidewalks in front of, and adjacent thereto, of snow, ice, building materials, and every obstruction thereon; to prohibit and prevent the running at large of dogs, to require them to be muzzled, and to authorize their destruction when found running at large in violation of any ordinance of the village. The common council shall have and exercise in and over said village the same powers in relation to the regulation of hotels, [taverns, saloons, groceries, places where spirituous liquors are sold, and places of public resort,] and such other powers as are now or may hereafter be conferred by the general laws of this State upon township boards, or upon corporate authorities; and in addition thereto shall also have power to make regulations for preventing the opening or keeping of any tavern, [hotel, saloon, or other house or place for furnishing meals,] food, drink, or billiard tables, or ball alleys, without first obtaining from the common council license therefor, and for licensing and regulating all taverns, hotels, victualing houses, saloons, and other places for furnishing meals, food, or drink, and keepers of billiard tables and ball alleys, not kept [for gambling purposes, also for licensing all peddlers, hucksters, and itinerant dealers of any kind who do not reside within the corporate limits of said village], and to impose such fees to be paid into the village treasury on the granting of such license as they may see fit; and for the purpose of carrying into effect the powers conferred by this section, the common council shall have authority to prescribe in any by-law or ordinance made by them, that any person who shall violate any of the provisions of any ordinance enacted or made in pursuance of this section shall forfeit and pay for every day he shall so exercise such business or occupation hereinbefore mentioned a penalty of five dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in the corporate name of said village, together with the costs of prosecution; or said council may provide that any person who shall offend against any of the provisions of any ordinance enacted or made in pursuance of this section, or any part thereof, shall forfeit and pay such fine as they shall deem proper, not exceeding one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not exceeding three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the justice or court who shall try the offender.

Sec. 23. The common council shall have power to fix the powers, impose the duties, and name the compensation of the officers of said village; to license showmen or other exhibitors where money or other consideration is demanded or received for admission, and to fix the amount of such license; [to license peddlers, hucksters, and itinerant dealers who trade within said village, but who are not residents thereof]; to provide for the collection and disposition of all the

finer and penalties which may be incurred under the by-laws and ordinances of said village; to cause the streets for which a grade shall have been previously established to be graded and paved, and also to cause sidewalks to be constructed and repaired when and where they shall deem the same necessary, and to cause the expenses of constructing or repairing said sidewalks to be assessed on the lots or premises adjoining such sidewalks, and they may pass all needful by-laws and ordinances in relation to the assessment and collection of the expenses of said construction; they may also fix and establish the grades of such streets and sidewalks, and establish lines upon which buildings may be erected, and beyond which buildings shall not extend; and to make all such other by-laws and ordinances as they may deem necessary for the safety, order, and good government of said village, and to promote the prosperity and improve the condition of the inhabitants thereof, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this State or the constitution of the United States; and to impose fines and penalties on all persons offending against the by-laws and ordinances made as aforesaid: *Provided*, That no by-law or ordinance shall impose a fine exceeding one hundred dollars, nor subject the offender to imprisonment in the county jail exceeding ninety days; *And provided further*, That no by-law or ordinance shall be of any effect until the same shall have been published for two weeks in all the newspapers printed in said village; *And provided also*, If there is no newspaper printed in said village, notice of said by-laws and ordinances shall be posted in at least three of the most public places in said village for the time aforesaid: *And provided also*, That the construction of the sidewalk, referred to in this section, shall be executed by order of the common council, and the assessment on the lots or premises adjoining such sidewalk, also referred to in this section, shall be made by the said council only when the owners of said adjoining lots shall neglect to build or repair or cause to be built or repaired such sidewalks in the manner and at the times prescribed by the common council.

Sec. 32. Any person claiming any of the lands sold as aforesaid, or any interest therein, may at any time within [two] years next succeeding the sale redeem any parcel of said lands, or any part of or interest in the same, by paying to the treasurer of said village the amount for which such place was sold, or such proportion thereof as the part or interest redeemed shall amount to, with interest thereon at the rate of twenty-five per cent. per annum, fifteen per cent. of which shall be paid to the purchaser, but in no case shall the interest be computed for a less time than three months from the day of sale; whereupon the treasurer shall issue and deliver to the person making such payment a certificate of the redemption thereof, and he shall, after the expiration of the [time aforesaid], after the making of such sales, deliver to the recorder of the village a statement of all the lands that have been redeemed as aforesaid, and of the amounts paid for such redemption;

And further to inform the Senate that the House has amended the title of said bill so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend sections 18, 23, and 32 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875;

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,
The bill was laid on the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 54, entitled

A bill to prevent the unlawful entry into any railroad freight car with intent to obtain carriage, etc.,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Read, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the word "exceeding," in fourth line of section one, to and including the word "months," in fifth line, and inserting the words "twenty-five dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than thirty days;"

Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,		23

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Read,	
Edsell,				5

Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 53, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 24, and 28, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31st, 1871,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,				29

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Williams moved to amend the title so that it shall read as follows:

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 24, and 28, of act No. 246 of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31st, 1871.

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,
Mr. Packard in the chair.

After some time spent therein the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report;

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 33, entitled

A bill to protect the lives of railroad passengers from casualties from fire;

2. House bill No. 81 (printed No. 29), entitled

A bill to amend sections 5653 and 5654 of the compiled laws of 1871, being sections 3 and 4 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a state reporter," approved April 17, 1871;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 55, entitled

A bill to change the name of Mark Anthony Greer to John Anthony Gordon;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

4. House joint resolution No. 5, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a light house on the point of Little Traverse harbor, in the county of Emmet, Michigan;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

5. House joint resolution No. 3 (printed No. 1), entitled

Joint resolution amending joint resolution No. 37, of session laws of 1875, "authorizing the Board of State Auditors to audit and pay the claims of the non-commissioned officers and musicians of the 5th, 6th, and 7th regiments of Michigan volunteer infantry for services rendered in the month of August, 1861."

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

W. O. PACKARD, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The third named bill and the second named joint resolution were then placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first and second named bills, and the second named joint resolution, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate took a recess until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Shoemaker asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Chamberlain for to-day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Tyler: Petition of James Shearer and 48 other citizens of Bay county, asking for the passage of a law regulating the sale of poisons and to prevent incompetent druggists dispensing the same;

Referred to the committee on public health.

By Mr. Markey: Petition of Thomas Olixby, Hypolite Brossard, Charles Kloenhammer, and 47 others to prohibit railroad trains from obstructing public highways in switching, shunting or making up trains, more than two minutes at a time, as provided for in the Senate bill to amend the 5th subdivision of section 10, compiler's section 2414.

Referred to the committee on railroads.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend act No. 152 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 29, 1875, and also to amend sections 10, 11, and 12, of chapter 218, being sections 6921, 6922, and 6923, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to foreclosure by advertisement,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on public health;

The committee on public health, to whom was referred

A bill to establish a State board of censors and to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. H. OSBORN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on public health:

The committee on public health, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize county superintendents of the poor to send paupers afflicted with cancer to the "Kalamazoo Cancer Infirmary" for treatment,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and

have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. H. OSBORN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on public health :

The committee on public health, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1741 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "An act to authorize boards of health to dispose of real estate,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. H. OSBORN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 23, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 233 (printed No. 122), entitled

A bill to change the corporate name of the First Congregational Society of South Boston, Ionia, county, Michigan, to the Union Evangelical Society of South Boston, in the county of Ionia, and State of Michigan,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on religious and benevolent societies.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 23, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 75 (printed No. 26), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Livingston, in the county of Otsego, and to organize the [same into a separate township to be known as the township of Corwith ;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a second and third time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 59 (printed No. 16), entitled

A bill providing for the polling of juries in civil and criminal cases,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Osborn moved to take from the table the following:

Senate bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to amend sections 16, 18, 23, and 27 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875,

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Osborn moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the House, as stated at length in the message this day received;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,	24

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. No. 33, entitled

Senill to protect the lives of railroad passengers from casualties from fire,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Waterbury,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	
Jenney,	Osborn,			14

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Redfield,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Freeman,			10

Mr. Perrin moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The bill was laid on the table.

House bill No. 81 (printed No. 29), entitled

A bill to amend sections five thousand six hundred and fifty-three and five thousand six hundred and fifty-four of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, being sections three and four of an act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a State Reporter," approved April seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	Markey,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Redfield,		23

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 55, entitled

A bill to change the name of Mark Anthony Greer to John Anthony Gordon,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Andrus,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Baxter,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Breitung,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Nelson,			22

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Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Redfield,	2
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House joint resolution No. 5 (printed No. 3), entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a lighthouse on the point of Little Traverse harbor, in the county of Emmet, Michigan,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,			
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Title and preamble agreed to.

House joint resolution No. 3 (printed No. 1), entitled

Joint resolution amending joint resolution No. 37, of session laws of 1875, authorizing the board of State Auditors to audit and pay the claims of the non-commissioned officers and musicians of the 5th, 6th and 7th regiments of Michigan volunteer infantry, for services rendered in the month of August, 1861,

Was read a third time and passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,			
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Title and preamble agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole, on the general order,

Mr. D. R. Cook in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 58, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Houghton," approved March 28, 1867;]

2. Senate bill No. 61, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Houghton county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to improve that portion of the L'Anse bay and State line State road lying between the eastern boundary line of the village of Houghton and the line dividing the counties of Houghton and Baraga,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following

3. Senate bill No. 59, entitled

A bill to amend section 84 of chapter 6 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to holding general and special elections, the same being compiler's section 115;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

D. R. COOK, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the first and second named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation made by the committee, in regard to the third named bill, and the same was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for himself until Tuesday, February 27th.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, February 24, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Roll called: quorum present.

Mr. Edsell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Morgan until Tuesday morning.

Mr. Perrin asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Newcomb until Tuesday morning.

Mr. Jenney asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wilcox until Tuesday morning.

Mr. Rankin asked and obtained leave of absence for himself for Monday forenoon.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bill to the Governor, under the rules:

A bill to define the duties of officers authorized to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity, and to prescribe the notice to be given in such cases.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. McElroy: Petition of 76 citizens of St. Clair county, praying for the passage of a law requiring townships to keep roads safe and convenient for public travel at all times, and especially those on river banks;

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Tyler: Petition of John Wilson and 17 other citizens of Alabaster,

Iosco county, asking for the organizing of the west part of the township of Alabaster into a special township;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Markey: Petition of Edwin R. Greusel, Samuel Campau and 107 others, for the passage of the Senate bill amending the 5th subdivision of section 10, compiler's section 2414, relative to protracted obstruction of highways by railroad trains;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 1633 of the compiled laws of 1871, for the punishment of the taking of usury,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for a new registration of the qualified electors of the city of Flint,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill relating to the punishment of bank safe and vault robbery,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

Reports and documents of the centennial State board of managers,

Respectfully report that they have had the subject under consideration, and have directed me report the same back to the Senate with the following resolution:

Resolved, That 3,000 copies of the report of the Secretary and accompanying reports of the State board of the centennial managers be published together (in pamphlet form), and that 1,000 each of the Educational and Mineral reports be published separately.

Recommending that the resolution do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The resolution was referred to the committee on printing.

By the committee on appropriations and finance:

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 986 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to a uniform assessment of property and for the collection and return of taxes thereon;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and with recommendation that it be printed and placed on the general order, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was recommitted

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS.

The President announced the following:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, Feb. 23, 1877. }

Hon. Alonzo Sessions, President of the Senate:

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas, By the charter of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway it appears that the Auditor General is authorized to order such other reports than the annual report of said corporation to be made to him, on oath, as he may deem necessary for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of taxation annually due from said company to this State;

“And whereas, The basis of taxation of said railway has remained the same for over twenty years, as appears by the message of Governor Bagley, affording no increase in the amount of annual taxes paid to the State for that time;

“And whereas, The committee on railroads in their late report to the Senate say they are of the opinion that the Auditor General is the proper and, indeed, the only officer with power to inquire into and correct the evil, if one exists;

“And whereas, Said committee have failed to ascertain and report whether the Auditor Generals have, since February, 1865, at least, ever exercised said ‘power to inquire into and correct’ said evil, to see whether it exists or not;

“Therefore resolved, That the Auditor General be requested to report to the Senate as early as possible, whether he or his predecessors in office have ever ordered any other than the usual annual report of said corporation, to be made to him on oath, for the purpose of enabling him to ascertain the amount of taxation which said corporation should of right, and under the law, pay annually into the State Treasury, and if any such orders and inquiries have been made, to report the responses of said company thereto and the action of the Auditor General thereon.”

And in reply, to state that I find no evidence that my predecessors in office have made any attempt to secure a larger amount of specific taxes from the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company than that determined by the courts in the suits referred to in the report of this department for the year 1874.

In March, 1876, my attention was called to this matter by a letter from Governor Bagley, which, together with a statement from the Commissioner of Railroads received therewith, were referred to the Attorney General, by the following letter:

*“AUDITOR GENERAL’S OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 13, 1876. }*

“Hon. A. J. Smith, Attorney General:

“SIR—Enclosed I hand you a letter from Governor Bagley (dated March 10, 1876), relative to specific tax on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Co., and a copy of the letter of Commissioner Cobb, referred to therein.

“If the company should pay a larger tax, this department is very anxious to reach it.

“The company now pay a tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ of one per cent. upon \$4,739,240.16. The State in 1856 claimed a tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ of one per cent. upon \$5,125,600.00. The company resisted payment of tax on this amount, and the case was litigated in 1862 and 1855. All the information in the possession of this department, in regard to the claim of the State, and the reasons of the company for resisting payment, will be found on pages cvii. to cxxii. inclusive, of the report of the Auditor General for the year 1874.

“If since the finding of the court as to the amount of paid-in capital stock, and loans upon which the tax should be computed, the company have invested in their road in this State additional paid-in capital stock or loans, there is no doubt but what such additional amount is properly subject to taxation.

“In every report of the company made since the amount was fixed by the act the following language occurs:

“Under the third section of the consolidated act they report that the portion of their capital and loans actually employed in the State of Michigan is \$3,612,255.27, but under the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan, in January, 1862, and of the Circuit Court of Wayne County, in

January, 1865, this company is held liable to the specific tax of three-fourths of one per cent upon \$4,739,240.16.

"You will note the reference in Commissioner Cobb's letter to the law under which the tax is computed, and the authority there given to the Auditor General to call for such other reports on oath as he may deem necessary for such purpose to be ordered by him from the office of such corporation.

"Will you carefully examine this whole matter, and if further information from the officers of the company is desirable, please indicate interrogatories to be propounded by the Auditor General to the proper officers thereof.

"Please return to the office Gov. Bagley's letter and the copy of Mr. Cobb's.

Very respectfully,

"H. R. PRATT,

"Deputy Auditor General."

The Attorney General made no written reply, but stated verbally in substance, that additional inquiries by the Auditor General would, of necessity be made to the officers of the company, who would probably give from their books the same information as that embraced in the report; and that without positive evidence that additional capital, stock, or loans had been paid in, and "actually employed in the State of Michigan," subsequent to the finding of the courts, no additional tax could be assessed; consequently I have not "ordered any other than the usual annual report of said corporation."

Very respectfully,

RALPH ELY,

Auditor General.

The message was laid on the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 58, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Houghton," approved March 28, 1867,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Packard,	Shoemaker,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,	Nelson,		

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Williams moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend section 18 of act No. 517 of the session laws of 1867, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Houghton," approved March 28, 1867; Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 61, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Houghton county to issue

bonds, for the purpose of raising money to improve that portion of the L'Anse Bay and State line State road, lying between the eastern boundary line of the village of Houghton and the line dividing the counties of Houghton and Baraga,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Packard,	Shoemaker,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Waterbury,
D. B. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,	Nelson,		
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Freeman in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 65, entitled

A bill to provide for an assistant to the State Librarian, and for the expense of the removal of the State Library to the rooms designed therefor in the new capitol;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on State Library, with instructions to so amend the bill that it shall provide an increase in the salary of the State librarian, out of which increase the librarian shall pay the expense of any assistant employed;

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 67, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Michigamme," approved April 27, 1875;

3. Senate bill No. 68, entitled

A bill to amend section 5, of chapter 5, of act number 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1st, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages;"

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. Senate bill No. 69, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, pertaining to the election of officers in the village of Portland, it being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Portland, Ionia county;"

5. Senate bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend act number 82 of the session laws of 1873, by adding one new section thereto, to stand as section 21, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies, to insure property in cities and villages exclusively.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The second and third named bills were then placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, in regard to the first named bill, and the same was recommitted to the committee on State library, with instructions above stated.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the fourth and fifth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Tyler asked and obtained leave of absence for himself until Monday evening.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President *pro tem.*

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Hinchman asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Taylor until Monday at 2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Freeman asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Burleigh for to-day and Monday.

Mr. Redfield asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Breitung for the afternoon.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on religious and benevolent societies:

The committee on religious and benevolent societies, to whom was referred House bill No. 233 (printed No. 122), entitled

A bill to change the corporate name of the first congregational society of South Boston, Ionia county, Mich., to the "Union Evangelical society of South Boston," in the county of Ionia, and State of Michigan,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Burch,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
D. R. Cook,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Edsell,	Markey,	Read,	Williams, 20

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7, of chapter 9, of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President *pro tem.* also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 599, entitled

A bill to extend the time to collect the State and county taxes of the township of Grosse Pointe in the county of Wayne,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Burch,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,	McElroy,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President *pro tem.* also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 142 (printed No. 64), entitled
A bill to re-incorporate the village of Mount Morris, in the county of Genesee;
2. House bill No. 170 (printed No. 97), entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 23 of act No. 215, laws of 1873, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Howard City," approved March 14th, 1873;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President *pro tem.* also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following joint resolutions:

1. House joint resolution No. 37, entitled
House joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the making of a harbor of refuge at Grand Maria harbor, on Lake Superior.
2. House joint resolution No. 38, entitled
Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for improvement of the harbor at Saugatuck, in Allegan county;
3. House joint resolution No. 40, entitled
Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of New Buffalo, Berrien county, State of Michigan;
4. House joint resolution No. 46, entitled
Joint resolution asking for an appropriation in money for the improvement of the harbor at Holland, in the county of Ottawa, State of Michigan;
5. House joint resolution No. 55, entitled
Joint resolution asking Congress to order a survey of Portage Lake, in Manistee county, with a view to constructing a harbor of refuge;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first, second, third, and fourth named joint resolutions were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on canals and river and harbor improvements.

The fifth named joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The rules were suspended and the joint resolution placed on its immediate passage.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Burch,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Read,	Williams,	
Edsell,	McElroy,			22

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Title and preamble agreed to.

The President *pro tem.* also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following Senate bill:

Senate bill No. 53, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 20, 24, and 28, of act No. 256, of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31st, 1871,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President *pro tem.* also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 190 (printed No. 95), entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Menominee to reg--

ulate or prohibit auctions, and to license the same within the limits of the unincorporated village of Menominee, in said township.

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Edsell moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted the following resolution :

Resolved (the House concurring), That the committee on printing be and they are hereby instructed to provide for the printing of one thousand extra copies of the testimony taken, and the report of the joint committee, in relation to the defalcation in the laboratory department of the University of Michigan ; Which was adopted.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Edsell moved that the resolution be laid on the table ;

Which motion prevailed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 67, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled " An act to incorporate the village of Michigamme," approved April 27, 1875,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Burch,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Read,	Williams,
Esdell,	McElroy,		

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Williams moved to amend the title so as to read as follows :

A bill to amend act No. 368 of the session laws of 1875, entitled " An act to incorporate the village of Michigamme," approved April 27, 1875 ;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 68, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 5 of act number 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, entitled " An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages ;"

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Burch,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,	McElroy,		

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 69, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, pertaining to the election of officers in the village of Portland, it being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Portland, Ionia county,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Burch,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,	McElroy,		

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Williams moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend section 2, of act No. 374 of the session laws of 1869, approved March 30, 1869, as amended by act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, relating to the incorporation of the village of Portland, Ionia county;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend act number 82 of the session laws of 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Read,
Burch,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Chamberlain,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
D. R. Cook,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Edsell,	Markey,		

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Williams,
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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Williams moved to amend the title so as to read as follows :

A bill to amend act No. 83 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 15, 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively.

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Jenney in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee arose, and, through their chairman, made the following report :

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill :

1. House bill No. 7 (printed No. 27), entitled

A bill relative to the organization of the meetings of the Legislature.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following bills :

2. Senate bill No. 72, entitled

A bill to change the name of the township of Deerfield, in Van Buren county, from Deerfield to Covert.

3. Senate bill No. 75, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1856, being section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to salary of judges of probate ;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

WILLIAM JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain the Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first named bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

The second named bill was then placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The third named bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Tyler moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday at 11 oclock A. M.

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, February 26, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilkins.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Mr. Shoemaker.

Mr. Redfield asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Shoemaker for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Markey: Petition of Peter J. Esper, Peter Burns, Charles F. Campan, John Greusel, Jr., and 75 others, for a law to prohibit the obstruction of public highways for a longer time than two minutes by railroad trains in switching, shunting, or making up trains, and for the passage of the bill to amend 5th subdivision of section 10, compiler's section 2414, general railroad law;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. McElroy: Petition of 56 citizens of St. Clair county, praying for the passage of a law requiring townships to keep their roads safe and convenient for public travel at all times, and especially those on river banks.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committees on appropriations and finance and State prison, jointly:

The committees on appropriations and finance and State prison, jointly, to whom was referred

A bill making appropriations for building additions and improvements to the State prison at Jackson,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed their chairmen to report the same back to the Senate, with a substitute therefor, entitled

A bill making appropriations for building additions and improvements to the State prison at Jackson,

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman of the Com. on App. and Finance.

WILLIAM COOK,

Chairman of the Com. on State Prison.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on insurance:

The committee on insurance, to whom was referred

A bill in relation to payment of losses by fire and marine insurance companies,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and

recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The bill was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 117 (printed No. 121), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to detach certain territory from the townships of Manistee and Stronach, in the county of Manistee, and to organize such territory so detached into a township by the name of Filer, and to legalize certain action taken thereon;"

2. House bill No. 128 (printed No. 77), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Bangor;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	McElroy,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Packard,		19

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Title agreed to.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 1 (printed No. 55), entitled

A bill to facilitate the organization of mutual benefit and coöperative associations within this State;

2. House bill No. 91 (printed No. 52), entitled

A bill for the protection of guests of hotels from danger by fire;

3. House bill No. 100 (printed No. 56), entitled

A bill to authorize any company that may be formed under the general laws

of this State for the purpose of building a plank, wood, block, gravel, or stone road from some point on Griswold street, in the city of Port Huron, to the northwest corner of section 17, in town 6 north, of range 16 east, or to any point farther west, to charge and receive tolls for travel on said road at the rate of three cents a mile for double teams, and one-half that rate for single teams, for the period of six years;

4. House bill No. 110 (G. O. 54), entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of Act No. 152 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 29, 1875, being an act to amend section 9 of chapter 130 of the revised statutes of 1846, being compiler's section 6920 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to foreclosure by advertisement;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first and second named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 72, entitled

A bill to change the name of the township of Deerfield, in Van Buren county, from Deerfield to Covert,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	McElroy,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Packard,		19

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 7 (printed No. 27), entitled

A bill relative to the organization of the meetings of the Legislature.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was laid on the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Read in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The bill was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 117 (printed No. 121), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to detach certain territory from the townships of Manistee and Stronach, in the county of Manistee, and to organize such territory so detached into a township by the name of Filer, and to legalize certain action taken thereon;"

2. House bill No. 128 (printed No. 77), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Bangor;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	McElroy,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Packard,		19

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Title agreed to.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 1 (printed No. 55), entitled

A bill to facilitate the organization of mutual benefit and coöperative associations within this State;

2. House bill No. 91 (printed No. 52), entitled

A bill for the protection of guests of hotels from danger by fire;

3. House bill No. 100 (printed No. 56), entitled

A bill to authorize any company that may be formed under the general laws

of this State for the purpose of building a plank, wood, block, gravel, or stone road from some point on Griswold street, in the city of Port Huron, to the northwest corner of section 17, in town 6 north, of range 16 east, or to any point farther west, to charge and receive tolls for travel on said road at the rate of three cents a mile for double teams, and one-half that rate for single teams, for the period of six years;

4. House bill No. 110 (G. O. 54), entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of Act No. 152 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 29, 1875, being an act to amend section 9 of chapter 130 of the revised statutes of 1846, being compiler's section 6920 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to foreclosure by advertisement;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first and second named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 72, entitled

A bill to change the name of the township of Deerfield, in Van Buren county, from Deerfield to Covert,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	McElroy,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Packard,	
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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 7 (printed No. 27), entitled

A bill relative to the organization of the meetings of the Legislature.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was laid on the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Read in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. House bill No. 86 (printed No. 36), entitled

A bill to amend sections 153, 155, and 156, of act 169, session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon, being compiler's sections 1119, 1121 and 1122 of compiled laws of 1871.

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on appropriations and finance.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 80, entitled

A bill to amend section 7445 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of constables in civil cases;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 81, entitled

A bill to provide for the registration of practicing physicians and surgeons;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The recommendation of the committee was concurred in, and the first named bill was recommitted to the committee on appropriations and finance.

The second named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the third named bill by the committee, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate took a recess until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to incorporate the city of Cadillac and to repeal act number 336 of the session laws of 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment,

and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 59, entitled

A bill to amend section 84 of chapter 6 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to holding general and special elections, the same being compiler's section 115,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments make to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 80, entitled

A bill to amend section 7445 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of constables in civil cases,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 81, entitled

A bill to provide for the registration of practicing physicians and surgeons,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The bill was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 59, entitled

A bill to amend section 84 of chapter 6 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to holding general and special elections, the same being compiler's section 115,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Read,
Breitung,	Foote,	Osborn,	Redfield,
Burch,	Freeman,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,
Mr. Redfield in the chair.

After some time spent therein the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following joint resolution:

1. Senate joint resolution No. 9, entitled

Joint resolution to provide for a revision of the system of keeping State accounts;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 82, entitled

A bill to amend sections 54, 57, and 76, of chapter 6, being compiler's sections 85, 88, and 107 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to elections.

2. Senate bill No. 83, entitled

A bill to provide a contingent fund for certain township purposes,

3. Senate bill No. 87, entitled

A bill relative to appropriations;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. Senate bill No. 85, entitled

A bill to amend sections 89, 91, 95, 156, 157, 158, and 159, of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of St. Clair," approved March 18th, 1863.

5. House bill No. 35 (printed No. 3), entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of lodges of Knights of Pythias.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

7. Senate bill No. 56, entitled

A bill to regulate and govern the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia.

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate and ask leave to sit again.

H. J. REDFIELD, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The fourth and fifth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the joint resolution, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first and third named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Adair,
The second named bill was recommitted to the committee on State affairs.
On motion of Mr. Burch,
The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, February 27, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Read asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wm. Cook for this forenoon.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By the President: Resolution of the State Teachers' Association, asking that the Legislature provide for the publication of the proceedings of said association, in the report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By Mr. Baxter: Memorial of James Moore, Sr., on difficulties, trials, and hardships of settlers on swamp lands, and praying for a grant of land to aid in opening up a certain road;

Referred to the committee on public lands.

By the same: Memorial of James Moore, Sr., on the duties and responsibilities of the present hour;

Referred to the committee on expiring laws.

By Mr. McElroy: Petition of 140 citizens of Port Huron, 12 citizens of Mussey, 20 citizens of Brockway, and 49 citizens of Armada, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, in relation to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative, and other benevolent associations within this State;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Markey: Petition of Lawrence Dalton, A. Smith Bagg, Horace E. Burt, and 68 others, for the division of Hamtramck into two voting precincts, one in Norris and one in Hamtramck;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Tyler: Petition of the board of supervisors of Alpena county, for a grant of State swamp lands to aid in the construction of a railroad;

Referred to the committee on public lands.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the incorporation of coöperative savings associations,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on immigration,

The committee on immigration, to whom was referred

A bill to establish a bureau of statistics and immigration, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to promote immigration to Michigan," approved April 3d, 1869,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDWARD BREITUNG, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the collection of damages sustained by reason of defective bridges, culverts, sidewalks, or cross-walks upon the public streets of incorporated cities and villages,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was re-committed

Senate bill No. 83, entitled

A bill to provide a contingent fund for certain township purposes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1 (printed No. 55), entitled

A bill to facilitate the organization of mutual benefit and coöperative associations within this State,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment,

and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was recommitted

2. Senate bill No. 17, entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of an attorney fee in favor of the prevailing party in actions at law in justice courts,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered re-printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend act No. 123 of the session laws of 1873, the same being an act to amend act No. 154 of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts and in the district court of the Upper Peninsula," approved March 16, 1861, being section 6465 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on constitutional amendments:

The committee on constitutional amendments, to whom was referred

Joint resolution to amend section 28 of Article IV. of the Constitution, relative to the time within which bills may be introduced,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 26, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That a committee of two, with a like committee from the Senate, be appointed to invite Dr. Theo. McGraw of Detroit, to deliver his lecture in this hall on the subject of "Heredity ;"

And to further inform the Senate that Messrs. Harrington and F. A. Baker have been appointed a committee on the part of the House under such resolution.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the resolution.

The President named as such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Burch and Wilcox.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Burch offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of Senate joint resolution No. 7, and that the same be made the special order for to-morrow at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M. ;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Perrin moved to take from the table the following :

Senate joint resolution No. 1, entitled

A joint resolution to amend section 12 of Art. VI. of the Constitution of the State of Michigan relative to the appointment of clerk of the Supreme Court ;

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The joint resolution was recommitted to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. McElroy offered the following concurrent resolution :

Whereas, Intemperance in the use of intoxicating liquors is a great evil ;

And whereas, The righteous and glorious cause of temperance is now rolling through our State like an immense tidal wave, gathering size, and strength, and volume, from the ranks of the high and low as it sweeps along, washing out many sinks of iniquity, purifying, lifting up and bearing on to a higher and nobler manhood, many of our people ;

And whereas, The cause of temperance is one in which all the people are interested, and it is highly proper that the Legislature should coöperate with those noble men who are pushing forward this most promising temperance movement of the age, and give it strength, and force, and permanent effect ;

And whereas, The State of Michigan would highly honor itself, by taking the lead of all the States, in this first year of the second century of American independence, in engaging in this most noble work ; therefore,

Resolved (the House concurring), That both houses do meet in Representative Hall, in joint convention, next Thursday at 7:30 P. M., and that such meeting be devoted exclusively to the cause of temperance.

Mr. Burch called for the yeas and nays.

The resolution was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Osborn,	
Burch,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Packard,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Read,	12

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Andrus,	Freeman,	Perrin,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Markey,	Rankin,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Morgan,	Redfield,	Wilcox,	16

Mr. McElroy offered the following:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the Senators and members of the House be invited to meet in Representative Hall Thursday evening, March 1, for the consideration of the subject of temperance;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Perrin moved to take from the table the following:

Senate bill No. 80, entitled

A bill to amend section 7445 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of constables in civil cases;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word "thereof," in line 13, the words, "and on stipulation of the litigating parties;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the word "and," in the 13th line, before "when," and the word "he" after "when," and inserting in place of said word "he," the words, "said justice;"

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Breitung,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,	
Burleigh,	Edsell,	Packard,	Read,	
Burch,	Foote,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,			14

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Tyler,	
Andrus,	Morgan,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Freeman,	Morse,	Redfield,	Williams,	12

Mr. Perrin moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill.

Mr. Waterbury moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table,
Which motion did not prevail.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider,
The same did not prevail.

Mr. Packard moved that
Senate bill No. 72, entitled

A bill to change the name of the township of Deerfield, in Van Buren county,
from Deerfield to Covert,

Passed by the Senate yesterday, be ordered to take immediate effect;
Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

Mr. Burch moved that
Senate bill No. 68, entitled

A bill to amend section 5, of chapter 5, of act number 62 of the session laws
of 1875, approved April 1st, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the
powers and duties of incorporated villages,"

Passed by the Senate on Saturday, be ordered to take immediate effect;
Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

Mr. Burch moved that

House bill No. 117 (printed No. 121), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to detach certain territory from the
townships of Manistee and Stronach, in the county of Manistee, and to organize
such territory so detached into a township by the name of Filer, and to legalize
certain action taken thereunder,"

Passed by the Senate yesterday, be ordered to take immediate effect;
Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate joint resolution No. 9, entitled

Joint resolution to provide for a revision of the system of keeping State ac-
counts,

Was read a third time and passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting
therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	28

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Title and preamble agreed to.

Senate bill No. 82, entitled

A bill to amend sections 54, 57, and 76, of chapter 6, being compiler's sec-
tion 85, 88, and 107 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to elections,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,
Mr. Williams moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

Senate bill No. 87, entitled

A bill relative to appropriations,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Andrus moved the same be recommitted to the committee of the whole ;
Which motion prevailed.

Senate bill No. 85, entitled

A bill to amend sections 89, 91, 95, 156, 157, 158 and 159 of an act entitled
"An act to revise the charter of the city of St. Clair," approved March 18th,
1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting
therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams, 28

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. McElroy moved to amend the title so as to read as follows :

A bill to amend sections 89, 91, 95, 156, 157, 158, and 159, of act No. 142,
of the session laws of 1863, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city
of St. Clair," approved March 18, 1863 ;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, [the bill was ordered to take
immediate effect.

House bill No. 35 (printed No. 3), entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of lodges of Knights of Pythias,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting
therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams, 28

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Read,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take
immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Redfield in the chair.

After sometime spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chair-
man, made the following report :

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills :
Senate bill No. 56, entitled

A bill to regulate and govern the State house of correction and reformatory at Ionia,

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate, and ask leave to sit again.

H. J. REDFIELD, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

Leave was granted the committee to sit again for the consideration of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

Mr. Williams asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Packard for this afternoon and to-morrow.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 59, entitled

A bill providing for the polling of juries in civil and criminal cases,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was laid on the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Redfield in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee arose, and, through their chairman, made the following report :

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill :

1. Senate bill No. 56, entitled

A bill to regulate and govern the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia ;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to

report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

H. J. REDFIELD, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on State House of Correction, with instructions to so amend the bill as to provide for the office of treasurer.

Mr. McElroy called for the yeas and nays.

The motion did not prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	12
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Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Foote,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Freeman,			14

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the Senate take a recess until half past seven o'clock this evening.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 28, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Nelson asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Taylor for the forenoon.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Redfield: Remonstrance of Joseph Guior, J. J. Hubble, L. E. Wooden and 80 others of the city and county of Monroe, against the passage of Senate bill No. 78;

Also,

Remonstrance of B. Dansord, Jr., J. C. Lee, E. F. Hubbel and 48 others of Monroe county, to the same effect;

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Read: Petition of A. S. Parish and 8 other citizens of White Pigeon,

for the passage of House bill No. 1, for the organization of mutual benefit associations;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Breitung: Petition relative to the enlargement of the township of Maple Ridge, Delta county, by Azel Lathrop and 32 settlers of the limits to be attached to the said township;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Freeman: Petition of Harold Mokim and 30 other citizens of Bay City, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, to facilitate the organization of coöperative and mutual benefit associations in this State;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Wilcox: Petition of A. J. Patterson and 33 other tax-payers of the city of Owosso, Shiawassee county, asking for the passage of House bill No. 1, relative to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative and other benevolent associations within this State;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Newcomb: Memorial of the Lenawee County Farmer's Club, praying for protection against hunters and also against the wanton destruction of birds;

Referred to the committee on agricultural interests.

By Mr. Waterbury: Petition of C. B. Hubbard, S. Kelso, Wm. Morris and 69 others, citizens of the city of Port Huron, in St. Clair county, for the passage of House bill No. 1, to facilitate the organization of mutual benefit and coöperative associations within this State;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Shoemaker: Petition of E. A. Webster and 24 other citizens of Jackson, asking for the passage of a law to protect the people of this State from the evils of charlatanry, incompetence and malpractice in dentistry;

Referred to the committee on public health.

By Mr. Adair: Petition of Frank Goodwin and 87 others, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, relative to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative and other benevolent associations within this State;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Remonstrance of Christopher Damitio and 25 others against the division of Hamtramck into two election districts;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. McElroy: Petition of 71 citizens of Port Huron, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, relative to the organization of mutual benefit, coöperative and benevolent associations within this State.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Remonstrance of 40 citizens of St. Clair county against the passage of a law to protect public travel on roads running along the banks of rivers, lakes and other water courses;

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend compiler's section 974 of the compiled laws of 1871, it being recited section 8 of act No. 156 of session laws of 1875, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and

have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill relative to the care of persons insane or otherwise incompetent or dangerous at the expiration of their term of sentence at the State Prison,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize supervisors to administer oaths in certain cases,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to reorganize the board of education of the city of Coldwater,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to reorganize the first and fourth judicial circuits and to create the twenty-second judicial circuit,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to reorganize the thirteenth, nineteenth, and twenty-first judicial circuits, and to create the twenty-third judicial circuit,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary to whom was referred

A bill to reorganize the eighteenth judicial circuit, and create the twenty-second judicial circuit,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 84, of the session laws of 1851, approved April 4, 1851, entitled "An act to establish the township line between the townships of Harrison and Clinton, in the county of Macomb,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly, to whom was referred

A bill making an appropriation for completing the new State capitol, and for the electrician work for said building,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment,

and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN,
Chairman of committee on State capitol and public buildings.
W. P. ANDRUS,
Chairman committee on appropriations and finance.

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The bill was recommitted to the committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly.

By the committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly, to whom was referred

A bill making an appropriation for furnishing the new State capitol,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN,
Chairman of committee on State capitol and public buildings.
W. P. ANDRUS,
Chairman committee on appropriations and finance.

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The bill was recommitted to the committees on State Capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly.

By the committees on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committees on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly, to whom was referred

A bill making an appropriation for improvement of the grounds surrounding the new State capitol, and furnishing the legislative halls, the State library, and the supreme court room therein,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN,
Chairman of committee on State capitol and public buildings.
W. P. ANDRUS,
Chairman of committee on appropriations and finance.

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The bill was recommitted to the committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly.

By the committee on constitutional amendmendments:

The committee on constitutional amendments, to whom was referred

Joint resolution proposing to add a section to article four of the constitution of this State, relative to the Legislative department,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and

have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on fisheries:

The committee on fisheries, to whom was referred

A bill to protect fish and preserve the fisheries of this State,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. V. TYLER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the incorporation of St. Andrews societies,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSSELL, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 170, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 23 of act No. 215, session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Howard City," approved March 14, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 142 (printed No. 64), entitled

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Mount Morris, in the county of Genesee,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 128 (printed No. 77), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Bangor,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 27, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following joint resolutions:

1. House joint resolution No. 11 (printed No. 6), entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of John Y. Hicks, of the township of Pennfield, in Calhoun county, Michigan;

2. House joint resolution No. 12 (printed No. 5), entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the trustees in behalf of the State, to convey to John B. Lancton, of Burns, Shiawassee county, Michigan, by quit-claim deed, the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 24, town 5 north, of range 3 east, Shiawassee county;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The joint resolutions were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on public lands.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 27, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 152 (printed No. 91), entitled

A bill to organize the townships of Spalding, Breen, Breitung, Stephenson, and Holmes, and to reorganize the townships of Cedarville, Ingallston, and Menominee, in the county of Menominee;

2. House bill No. 25, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Springwells, in Wayne county, for the year 1876;

3. House bill No. 338, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Browstown, in the county of Wayne, for the year 1876;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	27

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Williams,	3
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The rules were suspended and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,

Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. Hinchman,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,		31
NAYS.				0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook.	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Taylor,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,		31

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 27, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills :

1. House bill No. 103 (printed No. 128), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Otisville, in the county of Genesee ;

2. House bill No. 212, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, and 36 of an act to incorporate the village of Leslie ;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, February 27, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 98 (printed No. 59), entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Port Huron to refund certain taxes illegally assessed and collected, for the purpose of constructing sewers in said city;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 27, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 31, entitled

A bill to amend section five of chapter two hundred and two of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6443, entitled "Proceedings against garnishees;"

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same by striking out of line 4 of recited section 5, the word "of" where it occurs after the word "office," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "in,"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Baxter moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,		

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 27, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 97 (printed No. 58), entitled

A bill for an act to amend an act entitled “An act to amend section 137 of chapter 136, compiler’s section 3696 of compiled laws of 1871,” of an act entitled “An act relative to primary schools,” as amended by act No. 167, of the session laws of 1875 ;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Foote moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed

House bill No. 192 (printed No. 91), entitled

A bill to organize the townships of Spalding, Breen, Breitung, Stephenson and Holmes, and to reorganize the townships of Cedarville, Ingallston and Menominee, in the county of Menominee.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Foote,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Burch moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of Senate joint resolution No. 7, entitled

Joint resolution providing for the payment of the balance due upon certain adjudicated claims.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The consideration of the joint resolution was made the special order for Thursday, March 8th, at three o’clock P. M.

Mr. Williams moved to take from the table the following :

Senate bill No. 82, entitled

A bill to amend sections 54, 57, and 76, of chapter six, being compiler’s sections 85, 88, and 107 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to elections ;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,

Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Rankin,	Mr. Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,			30
NAYS.				0

Title agreed to.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 56, entitled

A bill to regulate and govern the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Nelson moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on State House of Correction, with instructions to so amend the bill as to provide for the office of treasurer.

Mr. Waterbury called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to recommit with instructions prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Redfield,		23

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Waterbury,	
D. R. Cook,	Foote,	Osborn,		7

House bill No. 142 (printed No. 64), entitled

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Mount Morris, in the county of Genesee,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,			30

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect. the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Mr. Burleigh in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 3, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, Article IX., of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit court,

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

J. L. BURLEIGH, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was placed upon the order of third reading.

PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT SESSIONS.

Mr. Burch, in behalf of the janitor and messengers of the Senate, presented to the President of the Senate an elegant gold-headed cane, speaking as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT:—On behalf of our venerable friend Mr. Rice, and the messenger boys of this Senate, at their request, I present to you this elegant token of the high esteem in which they hold you, and the warm feelings for you which they all indulge. Sir, they are young lads, just entering upon the field of active life,—and you have already reached mature manhood. After this Legislature shall have finally adjourned, and you and they, with us have departed to our several homes, perhaps never again to meet here together, it is their desire that in your declining years, you may use this beautiful testimonial of their regard for you; that you may use it in remembrance of them, and that you cherish in your heart the names you will find engraved upon it, believing that they still cherish in theirs your numerous kindnesses to them, and believing that they are filling honorable and useful positions in the world, and endeavoring to follow in the footsteps their fathers have trod.

RESPONSE OF PRESIDENT SESSIONS.

The president, in accepting the gift, said:

I am aware that I should receive this acceptable present, because it is a token of respect from the messengers of the Senate, and because it comes from boys who have been faithful and industrious in their arduous duties; and, so far as the chair has noticed and is able to know, have been kind and ready at all times to discharge those duties. I trust that they will ever realize the importance of so doing them, not only now but as they grow older, as they become men. I must say that this is a surprise to me; and if it were otherwise I should not be able to make such a response as my grateful feelings would justify. A present of much less value would have been as highly appreciated, coming from the source this does and accompanied with such kind feelings.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Tyler: Petition of E. S. Barrett and 81 other citizens of Bay, Iosco, and Alcona counties, asking for the appropriation of swamp land to aid in building a railroad;

Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Freeman: Petition of D. A. Waldron, M. A. Luse, George Pray and 25 other citizens of Ronald, Ionia county, praying that laws be enacted fixing a uniform maximum rate of freight and transportation according to distance, and to protect the people of this State from railroad extortion and monopoly.

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By the same: Remonstrance of D. A. Waldron, M. A. Luse, and 21 other citizens of same place, against the passage of a law to change the present system of town superintendency of schools, and protesting against a return to the county superintendency system;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By Mr. Edsell: Petition of W. F. Seiber, S. Atwater, and 62 others, citizens of Fennville, Allegan county, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, relative to organizing mutual benefit, coöperative, and other benevolent associations.

By Mr. Hinchman: Petition of J. Cleland and others, for the same object.

By Mr. Taylor: Petition of A. J. Patterson and 36 others, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize cities, incorporated towns, and townships to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 20, 24, and 28, of act No. 256 of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31st, 1871,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate joint resolution No. 3, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, Article IX, of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit court,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Baxter moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion did not prevail.

The joint resolution was then not passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Baxter,	Hinchman,	Morse,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,			

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Chamberlain,	Freeman,	Redfield,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,			

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Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the joint resolution.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Breitung moved to take from the table the following:

House bill No. 152, entitled

A bill to organize the townships of Spalding, Breen, Breitung, Stephenson and Holmes, and to reorganize the townships of Cedarville, Ingallston and Menominee, in the county of Menominee;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Breitung, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out section 9, and inserting the following to stand in lieu thereof:

Sec. 9. The first township meeting in the several townships organized under this act, shall be held at such time and place in each of said townships as may be designated by a written notice thereof, to be posted at three public places therein, at least thirty days before the day of such meeting, which notice shall be given by the county clerk of the county of Menominee, upon the petition of at least thirty resident freeholders of the township to which it relates, and the said county clerk shall designate three persons by name in each township to act as inspectors of said first township meeting, who shall take the constitutional oath of office, and shall thereby be authorized to act as such inspectors, with the same powers, rights, and duties as if they were named herein. A copy of said notice shall also be published in some newspaper printed and published in the county of Menominee, at least twenty days prior to the day designated for said meeting;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

• YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Morgan,	Read,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	25
Wm. Cook,				0

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

By a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Taylor in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 84, entitled

A bill to amend sections 31 and 94 of an act entitled "An act for the reorganization of the military forces of the State of Michigan," approved Jan. 18, 1862, being compiler's sections 858 and 921 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 116 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 18, 1873;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 88, entitled

A bill in relation to voluntary assignments, and to compel assignees to give security.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend that it be reprinted and recommitted to the committee of the whole.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 86, entitled

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor," approved March 23d, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18th, 1871, approved March 18th, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drinks;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

L. J. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The third named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first named bills, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the second named bill by the committee, and the same was ordered reprinted and recommitted to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Tyler moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Baxter moved to take from the table the following:

Senate joint resolution No. 3, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, Article IX., of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit court;

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was then not passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,	
Baxter,	Jenney,	Nelson,	Taylor,	
Breitung,	Markey,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,				21

NAYS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Chamberlain,	Freeman,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
D. R. Cook,	Hinchman,	Read,		11

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, March 1, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Gillespie.

Roll called: a quorum present.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bill to the Governor, under the rules:

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 20, 24, and 28, of act No. 256, of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31, 1871;

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By the President: Petition of Albert Wilmot and 24 others, asking that

suitable accommodations be provided for admitting ladies to the State Agricultural College, as students of such institution;

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

By the same: Remonstrance of R. W. Phillips, and 23 others, against re-establishing the county school superintendency system;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By the same: Petition of N. B. Watkins and 25 others, relative to the passage of a law restricting the rate of interest to a maximum not exceeding seven per cent per annum;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Hinchman: Remonstrance of Jacob Houghton and 115 others against the passage of Senate bill No. 67, to amend an act to incorporate the village of Michigamme;

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

By Mr. Wilcox: Petition of 21 citizens of Oakland county, praying for the passage of House bill No. 1, relative to the organization of mutual benefit, co-operative and other benevolent associations within this State.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State Library:

The committee on State Library, to whom was recommitted Senate bill No. 65, entitled

A bill to provide for an assistant to the State Librarian, and for the expense of the removal of the State Library to the rooms designed therefor in the new capitol, with instructions "to so amend the bill that it shall provide an increase in the salary of the State Librarian, out of which increase the Librarian shall pay all expense of assistant employes,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be not concurred in, and that the bill as amended in committee of the whole do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. J. REDFIELD, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Waterbury moved that Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the committee,

Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

Joint resolution for the relief of Asahel Warner,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it be referred to the committee on public lands and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was referred to the committee on public lands.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill providing for two voting precincts in the township of Calumet, in the county of Houghton, defining the limits thereof, providing for a new registration of the voters thereof, and determining who shall be inspectors of election therein,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on asylums for the insane:

The committee on asylums for the insane, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the organization, regulation, and management of the asylums for the insane,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the division of the township of Hamtramck, Wayne county, into two districts for general election purposes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 9 (printed No. 9), entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant prosecuting attorney for the county of Wayne,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on public lands:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 11 (printed No. 6), entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of John Y. Hicks, of the township of Pennfield, Calhoun county, Michigan,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on public lands;

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred

A joint resolution to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office, or other proper officer, to convey the south half of the southeast quarter of section sixteen in township number seven south of range six east to Johannes A. Lefever, assignee of primary school land certificate number seven thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on public lands:

The committee on public lands to whom was referred

Joint resolution No. 12 (printed No. 5), entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the trustees in behalf of the State to convey to John B. Lanckton of Burns, Shiawassee county, Michigan, by quit-claim deed the west half of southeast quarter of section 24, town 5 north, of range 3 east, Shiawassee county;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on public lands:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred

The memorial of James Moore, Sr., asking for an appropriation of money or something else to pay him for sufferings endured consequent as a pioneer settler of Sanilac county, and to reimburse him for money and time expended as a

lobbyist upon the sessions of the Legislature and the Board of Control for many years,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The memorial was laid on the table.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

Joint resolution to provide for the collection of any specific tax due the State from the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

A bill to amend the 5th subdivision of section 10, compiler's section 2414, of an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies," approved April 18th, 1871;

Also,

A bill to amend section 9 of Article II., of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroads and other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State;

Also sundry petitions relative to the subject,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report a substitute for the two named bills, entitled

A bill to amend the fifth and ninth clauses of section 9 of Article II. of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroads and other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State,

Recommending that the substitute be adopted and do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the construction of railways from mills and manufactories to other railroads by corporations and individuals, and to provide for the organization of the same,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on the State public school of the Senate and House, jointly:

Your joint committee met at Coldwater Tuesday, January 30, and remained in session two days. The Hons. James Burnes, C. D. Randal, H. H. Hinds, the board of control, with Mr. Alden, the efficient superintendent, furnished the committee with valuable information, and offered us every facility of examining into the details of the management of the school. There are forty-five acres of land belonging to the institution, laid out into orchard, garden, meadow, and grounds for the buildings. The grounds on which the buildings are located are elevated sufficient to give a commanding view of the country about, and with the present drainage makes a fine site for the school. It would be very desirable to add to the grounds a tract of land situated along the east side of the premises, but owing to more urgent needs of the school and the high price which is demanded for the land, your committee do not recommend the purchase at this time.

The buildings consist of the main one, two stories high, with the ground plan in the shape of a cross, having a frontage of 198 feet in the central part. In the building are rooms for superintendent's family, offices, dining hall, kitchen, school room, and chapel. The basement is used for laundry, shoe shop, store room, and boiler room; the latter is located under the dining hall, and your committee agree with the board of control, that it is very unsafe and should be removed elsewhere as soon as possible. Back of the main building a short distance, and nearly in line, are the five cottages that were first erected. These are separated from each other a sufficient distance. Running in front and connected with the main building is a sheltered walk. These five cottages are of the same size and similar in construction. At the west end of the line of the old cottage are three cottages of larger size; and at the east of the main building is a brick building which is used for a hospital. All the cottages, except the three last named, are warmed by steam and lighted by gas furnished by the City Gas Company. The cottages are built of brick (as is also the main building), and have not only a solid but a cheerful and home-like appearance. The system is the family and congregate combined. The children work, eat, and school together in the main building, but in all other respects live as families do, except that the families are larger, numbering from twenty-five to thirty members. The cottages are divided on the first floor into a large sitting and play room for the children, with a sitting and bed room for the matron, and a wash and bathing room for the family. The second floor is divided into two chambers, with a hall between; these chambers are the dormitories in which

are double and single iron bedsteads, on which are straw mattresses, sheets, pillows, blankets, and coverlids. The beds are clean and comfortable. The cottages are the homes over which preside capable and intelligent women, who appear to be well fitted for the responsible positions they occupy. These ladies have charge of the children of their respective cottages at all times, except while in school or at work, and mend and take care of the clothing. In short, they perform all the duties of a mother to the children.

The teachers employed in the school room are intelligent, and from the exercises we saw, should judge that they are enthusiastic in their endeavors to instil in the minds of the pupils the necessity of education and habits of study and good order. During our visit we saw the children in their cottages, at their work, in the school, at their meals, and at play, and conversed with them privately and were favorably impressed with the order, discipline, and good management which prevailed in all of the departments of the school. This school was opened for pupils May 24, 1874. Up to this date there have been received from the several counties of the State four hundred and forty-four orphan and neglected children. Of this number 134 have been provided with good homes and indentured to the persons taking them. Fourteen are out on trial, 27 have died, and 269 are now in the school. Over two hundred of these children are boys. The great excess of boys over girls remaining and likely to remain in the school is explained by the superintendent, from the fact that a majority of the children are under the age of ten years. Those wishing to adopt or take children prefer to take girls younger than they will boys. Most boys are not able to earn much toward their support younger than twelve years, consequently are not sought after as much or as early bound out as girls before this age. The superintendent takes great pains to procure homes for the children, as it is not the intention of the Board of Control to keep children only until such times as homes can be found for them. We examined the work of the boys in the shoe-shop, and were surprised that this branch of industry is so well managed and so great a help to the school. The foreman is paid \$500 per year, and with the help of the boys more than furnishes the school with boots and shoes.

The question may be asked, Is the State benefited by the establishment of this school? Your committee would say that from personal observation, and from what information we have obtained as to the results of the school, we are unanimous in the opinion that as a question of State policy and as an act of humanity, as well as economy, the establishing of this school and in fostering the same, is a step in the right direction to lessen pauperism and prevent crime. Your committee agree that as a question of economy it is far better for the State to take these abandoned and neglected children, and at a few hundred dollars' expense, place them in the way of becoming useful citizens and self supporting, rather than to expend thousands of dollars to build prisons and keep them shut up at great expense to protect society; for the statistics show most conclusively that a large proportion of our inmates of reform schools and State prison have grown out of these neglected children; and however much this institution may be commended for its charitable and benevolent character, its claims upon the people do not, in the opinion of your committee, rest wholly upon these grounds, for while these dependent and abandoned children are here well cared for, and started in a life of usefulness, instead of one of pauperism and crime, that desirable result is accomplished at an expense but little if any greater than would be taxed to the counties to maintain them in the county poorhouses. We saw

many letters from superintendents of county poor, asking for admission of children into the school. But as the capacity of the school will not admit of more than is now present, and as the demands are so urgent, your committee recommend the erection of another cottage of extra size, capable of holding sixty children. In consultation with the Superintendent we learn that by taking the more advanced children, and those who are orderly, that a cottage of this kind could be managed by one matron; and as the expense of building would be less than of two cottages of the usual size, we have recommended the same, which would increase the capacity of the school to 315 children.

The estimates of the Board of Control are based on the actual needs of the institution and for current expenses for 255 children. Your committee have examined into the amounts very closely, and the following tabulated statement will show they are made up for the two years:

For bedding.....	\$472 00
butter and eggs besides what is produced on the farm.	725 00
clothing, \$20 each.....	5,100 00
fuel.....	3,664 00
furniture.....	700 00
farm and barn repairs, and expenses.....	739 00
flour and meal.....	2,100 00
groceries.....	2,238 00
hospital stores.....	154 00
lights.....	900 00
meat and fish.....	1,600 00
miscellaneous.....	970 00
printing, stationery, and postage.....	275 00
repairs.....	235 00
school.....	350 00
vegetables.....	500 00
milk, besides what is produced.....	1,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$21,722 00</u>

OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYÉS' SALARIES.

Pay roll for one month being as follows:

Pay Roll of Employés in the Michigan State Public School, for the Month of December, 1876.

NAME.	Grade.	Time.	Rate per Year.	Amount.
Lyman P. Alden.....	Superintendent.....	1 month	\$1,600 00	\$133 33
D. G. Blackman.....	Clerk and Steward....	1 "	800 00	66 66
Alla Clark.....	Matron.....	1 "	400 00	33 33
Olivia Stafford.....	Cottage Manager.....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Lorenzo Woodruff.....	" ".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Sarah F. Lord.....	" ".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Agnes McCollom.....	" ".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Miriam Harkness.....	" ".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Jennie Hall.....	" ".....	1 "	300 09	25 00
Ann Glynn.....	" ".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Sarah Watson.....	" ".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Ella P. Irish.....	Hospital Manager.....	1 "	360 00	30 00
Jennie Chase.....	Teacher.....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Mary Frazer.....	".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Philinda Dix.....	".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Florence McCollom.....	".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Maggie Crane.....	".....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Edwin Mansell.....	Engineer.....	1 "	660 00	55 00
William Cook.....	Ass't Engineer.....	1 "	300 00	25 00
Thomas Rhodes.....	Shoemaker.....	1 "	500 00	41 66
Abram Greenwood.....	Baker.....	1 "	384 00	32 00
James P. Allen.....	Farmer.....	1 "	240 00	20 00
A. M. P. Anderson.....	Laundress.....	1 "	Per Mo.	18 00
Carrie Jewett.....	Ass't Laundress.....	1 "	" "	18 00
Mary Allen.....	Cook.....	1 "	" "	20 00
Clara Tower.....	Assistant Cook.....	1 "	" "	12 00
Jennie Nichols.....	Seamstress.....	1 "	" "	16 00
C. O. Vanslyke.....	".....	1 1/2 "	" "	8 00
Nellie Andrews.....	".....	1 3/4 "	" "	4 66
Melissa Putnam.....	House-cleaner.....	1 "	" "	12 00
Laura Allen.....	Dining-room Girl.....	1 "	" "	16 00
Jane Warner.....	Domestic.....	1 "	" "	12 00
L. H. Pratt.....	Ass't Ironer.....	7-26 mo.	" "	7 00
Mary Mansell.....	Sub. Cottage Manager.....	6 1/4 days @ \$25 per mo.		6 00
Anna French.....	".....	11 1/4 " @ 25 "		11 04
Anna French.....	Seamstress.....	11 " @ 12 "		5 08
John Perk.....	Laborer.....	8 " @ 39 "		12 00
Total.....				\$939 76

Making eleven thousand two hundred and seventy-eight dollars per year; and making a total for current expenses of thirty-three thousand dollars per year.

The Board of Control ask for building engine house, laundry, water-tower and smoke-stack, the following amounts as reported by the architect and engineer:

For brick and mason work.....	\$4,140
roofing, lumber, and carpenter's work.....	2,010
moving old boiler.....	300
purchasing one new boiler 16 feet long, 60 inches in diameter....	1,200
600 feet 6-inch water and steam pipe.....	1,200
300 feet 2-inch return pipe.....	93

For 350 feet 3-inch water pipe.....	\$210
200 feet 2½-inch engine hose.....	325
200 feet 2-inch steam pipe for cooking apparatus.....	186
4 fire hydrants.....	100
1 steam pump for tanks.....	250
trenching, boxing, and asbestos for steam pipes.....	700
extra piping, fitting valves, and labor.....	500
Total.....	\$11,214

Your committee recommend that for this purpose, the sum of ten thousand dollars be appropriated.

For barn and sheds the Board have asked \$1,200. Your committee recommend \$1,000.

For trees.....	\$100 00
fencing.....	300 00
grading.....	200 00
drainage.....	400 00
	\$1,000 00

Which your committee recommend. For painting the buildings, and such repairs as may be necessary on the same for the two ensuing years, \$2,500 is asked; your committee recommend that \$2,000 be allowed. For horse, carriage, cutter, robes, and harness, \$500 is asked; which your committee recommend,—\$400, as follows:

For one horse.....	\$150
“ buggy.....	150
“ cutter.....	50
“ robe.....	15
“ harness.....	35
	\$400

For library the board ask for \$300; which is recommended by your committee.

For farm implements is asked the sum of \$200; which is recommended.

For furniture for main building, school-room, and kitchen, including one cabinet organ and one book case, the board ask for \$1,500; which is recommended by your committee.

For deficit in the construction of the three cottages, and for drainage and other expense incurred in the same, the Board of Control ask for an appropriation of \$6,000.00. As will be seen by the report of the Board on pages 10 and 11, there appears to be a necessity in exceeding the appropriation, and as the Board say, by the consent and advice of the Governor, and their own judgment in the matter, as to the necessity of the case, they completed the work, thereby causing the deficit; while your committee do not approve of expenditures in excess of appropriations in any of the State institutions, in this case, being satisfied from our observations that it was one of those cases that could

not be well avoided, in safety to the health of the children of the school, we recommend that the appropriation be made.

The Board ask for an appropriation of \$500 for live stock, which is not recommended by your committee, as without the purchase of more land no more stock is needed, it being cheaper to buy milk than to purchase cows and pay for pasturage for the same.

For steam heating apparatus in three cottages last erected, and school room, the Board ask for \$400; which your committee recommend.

The estimates for building a cottage 40 by 50 feet, two stories high is:

For stone, brick, and mason work.....	\$3,040
Lumber, windows, doors, and carpenter's work.....	3,490
Steam heating apparatus.....	450
Gas pipe and fixtures.....	100
Plumbing.....	232
Making connections with steam, water, and gas pipes.....	200
Furnishing cottages with beds, furniture, etc.....	867
Total.....	<u>\$8,379</u>

Your committee recommend that the sum of eight thousand dollars be appropriated for the cottage, to be completed for the accommodation of sixty children.

In view of this cottage and the increase of the children to 315, we recommend that the sum of \$4,000 be added to the current expenses for the year 1878; making the total appropriation for the State Public School for the years 1877 and 1878 the sum of \$100,800.00.

All of which is most respectfully submitted to your consideration.

WM. CHAMBERLAIN,

D. P. FOOTE,

F. S. FREEMAN,

Senate Committee.

CHARLES MOSHER,

R. REED,

WM. L. ABBOTT,

J. B. JEWEL,

JAS. C. WOOD,

House Committee

Report accepted.

By the committee on State public school:

The committee on State public school, to whom was referred

A bill making an appropriation for the State public school, and providing for the construction of buildings, and for making other improvements to that institution,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the State Public School, and providing for the construction of buildings, and for making other improvements to that institution,

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. CHAMBERLAIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to organize the public library of Bay City,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 98 (printed No. 59), entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Port Huron to refund certain taxes illegally assessed and collected for the purpose of constructing sewers in said city,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 28, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 76 (printed No. 126), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Dowagiac.

2. House bill No. 282, entitled

A bill to amend section 14 of act No. 355 of the session laws of 1869, being an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Plainwell, in the county of Allegan,"

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and

by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The rule requiring the second and third readings of bills to be on different days was suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Footo,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Raukin,	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Feb. 28, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 25, entitled

A bill to provide an appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan, for the years 1877 and 1878:

And to inform the Senate that the House have amended the same by striking out of line ten, after the word "Michigan," the words "and in paying other incidental expenses of the society;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a two-thirds vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Baxter moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, February 28, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill :

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Jackson to transfer certain moneys from the fire department fund to the sinking fund of said city ;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, Feb. 28, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills :

1. House bill No. 131, entitled

A bill to revise the charter of the village of New Haven, Macomb county, being act No. 457 of the session laws of 1869 ;

2. House bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Sheridan ;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, Feb. 28, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill :

Senate bill No. 47, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 9, 10, and 11, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Blissfield, in the town of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan," approved March 24, 1875,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, {
Lansing, February 28, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 4, entitled,

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain State school lands in Osceola county to James Sims, at the original price and upon the original terms provided by law for the sale of the same;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Read moved to take from the table the following:

House bill No. 7 (printed No. 27), entitled

A bill relative to the organization of the meetings of the Legislature.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third third, and the question being upon its passage,

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Read, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out section 6 and inserting the following to stand in lieu thereof:

Sec. 6. In case the President of the Senate or one of the Judges of the Supreme Court cannot attend to administer the oath of office, the officers required by this act to organize meetings of the Legislature are hereby authorized to administer the oath of office, prescribed by the Constitution of this State, to the members elect of their respective Houses.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,
Andrus,
Baxter,

Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. McElroy,
D. R. Cook, Morgan,
Wm. Cook, Morse,

Mr. Packard,
Rankin,
Read,

Mr. Breitung, Burleigh, Burch,	Mr. Foote, Freeman, Hinchman,	Mr. Newcomb, Osborn,	Mr. Taylor, Williams,	22
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Mr. Edsell, Jenney, Markey,	Mr. Nelson, Perrin,	Mr. Redfield, Shoemaker,	Mr. Tyler, Waterbury,	9
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Pending the announcement of the vote,

Mr. Markey moved that Mr. Wilcox be excused from voting ;

Which motion prevailed.

The title of the bill was agreed to.

Mr. Baxter moved that rule 46, providing that no question shall be reconsidered more than once, be suspended and he be allowed to move a reconsideration of the vote by which the Senate refused to pass

Senate joint resolution No. 3, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, Article IX., of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit court ;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Baxter then moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the joint resolution ;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 86, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor," approved March 23, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18, 1871, approved March 18, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drinks.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, Burleigh, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook, Edsell,	Mr. Foote, Hinchman, Jenney, Markey, McElroy, Morgan, Morse,	Mr. Nelson, Newcomb, Osborn, Packard, Perrin, Rankin, Read,	Mr. Redfield, Shoemaker, Taylor, Tyler, Waterbury, Wilcox, Williams,	29
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Mr. Wm. Cook,

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Burleigh moved to amend the title so as to read as follows :

A bill to amend section four of act 217 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to revise and amend an

act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor," approved March 23d, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18th, 1871, approved March 18th, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drink.

Which motion prevailed.

The title, as amended, was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 84, entitled

A bill to amend sections 31 and 94 of an act entitled "An act for the re-organization of the military forces of the State of Michigan," approved January 18, 1862, being compiler's sections 858 and 921 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 116 of session laws of 1873, approved April 18, 1873,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
Edsell,	Morse,	Read,	27.

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Mr. Andrus,	1.
Title agreed to.	

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Edsell in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 39, entitled

A bill to provide for the reduction of the capital stock of corporations;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 89, entitled

A bill to repeal sections 4757 and 4758 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce,

3. Senate bill No. 90, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act relative to laying out, altering, and discontinuing highways," being chapter 26 of compiled laws of 1871, by adding thereto a new section, to stand as section 20;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The second and third named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The first named bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend "An act to prevent the sale or delivery of intoxicating liquors, wine, and beer to minors, and to drunken persons, and to habitual drunkards; and to provide a remedy against persons selling liquor to husbands or children in certain cases,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to prohibit the issue of free passes to judges of the Supreme and Circuit courts, and to members of the legislature on the railroads of this State,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Andrus moved that the bill be ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Burleigh called for the yeas and nays.

The motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Read,
Baxter,	Jenny,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Markey,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	McElroy,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Morse,	Rankin,	Wilcox, 24

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Williams,	3
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The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education :

The committee on education, to whom was referred

A bill to reorganize union school districts of the city of Flint,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 5545 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 1, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I am prepared to submit to the two houses in joint convention nominations for their consideration whenever they shall be pleased to meet for that purpose.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 89, entitled

A bill to repeal sections 4757 and 4758 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Read,
Baxter,	Fresman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Markey,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	McElroy,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,			

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Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Shoemaker,	3
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 90, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act relative to laying out, altering, and discontinuing highways," being chapter 26 of the compiled laws of 1871, by adding thereto a new section to stand as section 20,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Foote moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Burleigh in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 40, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of an act entitled, "An act to incorporate the Michigan and Huron Institute," approved March 21, 1837, being act number 105;

2. Senate bill No. 93, entitled

A bill to regulate the height of bridges over railroad tracks;

3. Senate bill No. 95, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Board of Control of State swamp lands to make an appropriation of State swamp lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from the Straits of Mackinaw to Marquette Harbor, on Lake Superior," approved March 21, 1873, as amended by an act approved March 24, 1874, and also by an act approved April 15, 1875;

4. Senate bill No. 96, entitled

A bill to amend an act to incorporate State and subordinate granges, approved April 8, 1875;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

5. Senate bill No. 57, entitled

A bill to amend section 50 of an act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State Prison, being act No. 213 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 3d, 1875;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

6. Senate bill No. 94, entitled

A bill relative to dividing townships and villages into election districts, and to provide for the registration of electors in such cases,

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following joint resolutions :

1. Senate joint resolution No. 6, entitled

Joint resolution to amend Article VII. of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to elections, by adding a new section thereto to stand as section 9, in regard to the qualification of voters ;

2. Senate joint resolution No. 10, entitled

A joint resolution requesting the Commissioner of Insurance to confer with Commissioners of Insurance in other States, and prepare and present to the next Legislature, in January, 1879, a form of law to govern life insurance companies doing business in this State ;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

3. Senate joint resolution No. 12, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the appropriation of money to liquidate the indebtedness and pay the salaries of the employes of the Michigan State Centennial Board of Managers,

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the committees on State affairs and appropriations and finance, jointly.

J. L. BURLEIGH, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committed discharged.

The first, second, third, and fourth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the fifth named bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the sixth named bill, and the same was referred to the committee on counties and townships.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first and second named joint resolutions, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the third named joint resolution, and the same was referred to the committees on State affairs and appropriations, jointly.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The rules were suspended and the Senate took up business under the order of

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 1, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, By a resolution of the House of Representatives, which passed this House and also the Senate, at an early period in this session, an investigation of an alleged defalcation in the chemical laboratory of the University of Michigan was ordered; and

Whereas, The joint committee of the House and Senate to which said investigation was committed, have made a very thorough and exhaustive examination of all the matter pertaining to such alleged defalcation, and the treatment of the same by the board of regents of the said University; and

Whereas, An examination of the important testimony taken in said investigation is necessary to a proper and full understanding of any conclusion which said joint committee may reach; therefore,

Resolved, That the said committee, in conjunction with the several committees of the House and Senate on printing, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to order the printing of five hundred copies of the testimony taken, and report which shall be made by said committee.

One hundred and thirty-two copies of which shall be for the use of the members of the House of Representatives and of the Senate, one copy each for the officers and reporters of the Legislature, one copy for each of the State officers, one copy for each of the regents of the University, and the remaining copies to be turned over to the custody of the State Librarian, to be disposed of as she may be directed by the Governor and Secretary of State,

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the resolution.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 1, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. Substitute for House bill No. 571, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Chesaning, in the county of Saginaw, and attach the same to the township of Brady in said county;

2. House bill No. 198 (printed No. 108), entitled

A bill to organize the township of Hayes, in the county of Clare;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and
On motion of Mr. Foote,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams, 28

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Mr. Newcomb, 1
Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Foote,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Burch offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate take such steps as may be necessary to have all Senate bills and joint resolutions hereafter printed, so printed as to show what committees have reported upon the same, and whether favorably or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, March 2, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Crosby.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senators Hinchman and Taylor.

Mr. Morse asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Taylor, indefinitely, on committee business,

Mr. Andrews asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hinchman, indefinitely, on committee business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: Petition of Jesse Earle, T. C. Durkee, and 63 others, citizens of Kalamazoo county, praying for a stringent law fixing the maximum rate of interest at seven per cent;

Also,

Petition of Barney Vosburg, Frank S. Sleeper, and 110 other citizens of same county, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Morse: Petition of Joseph F. Saunders and 16 others, asking for the organization of the town of Hayes, in the county of Clare;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Chamberlain: Petition of Thos. Mason, C. P. Phelps, and 40 other tax-payers of Berrien county, praying that the law for the tax on the sale of spirituous liquors be so amended that the tax derived from the sale thereof, shall go into the county poor fund;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to prevent bribery in elections,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

The accompanying petitions for the passage of House bill No. 1, relating to the organization of mutual benevolent societies, to wit:

The petition of 1,129 citizens of Detroit, Wayne county; 44 citizens of Canton, Wayne county; 28 citizens of Wayne, Wayne county; 21 citizens of Yankee Springs, Barry county; 22 citizens of Sturgis, St. Joseph county; 15 citizens of Woodland, Barry county; 48 citizens of Flushing, Genesee county; 31 citizens of Sheridan, Newaygo county; 87 citizens of Fremont, Newaygo county; 22 citizens of Menominee, Menominee county; 41 citizens of Negaunee, Marquette county; 64 citizens of Palo, Ionia county; 40 citizens of Duplain, Clinton county; 46 citizens of Humbolt, Marquette county; 81 citizens of Grass Lake, Jackson county; 14 citizens of Hart, Oceana county; 27 citizens of Antwerp, Van Buren county; 63 citizens of Fremont, Allegan county; 92 citizens of Otawa county; 31 citizens of Bay City, Bay county; 24 citizens of Vassar, Tuscola county; 52 citizens of White Pigeon, St. Joseph county; 27 citizens of Centerville, St. Joseph county; 51 citizens of Cassopolis, Cass county; 47 citizens of Ovid, Clinton county; 44 citizens of Highland, Livingston county; 21 citizens of Oakland county; 17 citizens of Hartland, Livingston county; 41 citizens of Brighton, Livingston county; 48 citizens of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw county; 1,327 citizens of St. Clair county; 71 citizens of Owosso, Shiawassee county, being a total of 2,760 petitioners,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that the bill referred to do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The petitions were laid on the table.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 190 (printed No. 95), entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Menominee to regulate or prohibit auctions, and to license the same within the limits of the unincorporated village of Menominee, in said township,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

A bill to repeal an act to provide for the opening and improvement of roads on the line between adjoining townships, being section 1214 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on canals and river and harbor improvements:

The committee on canals and river and harbor improvements, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 40, entitled

A joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at New Buffalo, Berrien county, State of Michigan;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FITCH R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on canals and river and harbor improvements,

The committee on canals river and harbor improvement to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 37, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the making of a harbor of refuge at Grand Maria harbor, on Lake Superior,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment,

and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FITCH R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the Judge of Probate of Jackson county to appoint a Probate Register, and prescribing his duties and compensation,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7449, of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 135 of the session laws of 1873, in relation to fees of appraisers, commissioners and other officers.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, and 36, of an act to incorporate the village of Leslie, being House bill No. 212 (not printed),

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amends made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foots,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. McElroy moved to amend the title as follows:

By adding thereto the words, "by act No. 258 of the session laws of 1873," approved April 18th, 1873.

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on the institution for the deaf, dumb, and the blind:

The committee on the institution for the education of the deaf and dumb, and the blind, to whom was referred

That part of the message of the Governor and retiring Governor relating to the deaf and dumb, and the blind,

Would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and, in the discharge of their duty, have visited the institution at Flint, where we found one hundred and eighty-one deaf and dumb, and forty-two blind children, to all of whom the State of Michigan is giving instruction in the educational and, to some, in the industrial department of the institution, that their companionship with others may be pleasant and mutually beneficial, and they be raised from a condition of dependence and consequent inferiority to be self-supporting members of society.

Of the principal, the matron, and the teachers, your committee cannot speak too highly; believing as we do that they are doing all they can for the pupils committed to their care, considering the difficulties under which they are compelled to labor. It seems to be the desire on their part to make a pleasant home for the children, besides giving them all needful assistance in their studies. We are well pleased with the advancement of the pupils, and especially with their knowledge and clear understanding of current events. In the latter respect they will compare favorably with other children who have been under instruction the same length of time.

But why, we ask, were the deaf and dumb and the blind placed in the same institution for instruction? When we stop to consider the question of the necessity of an institution for the education of the deaf and dumb, we say: These children are so unlike children who can hear and speak, and the methods of conveying ideas to their minds are so different that to undertake to educate them together is simply impossible. But the blind certainly do not differ as much from the children in our common schools as the deaf and dumb do. They can be instructed orally, and, indeed, a large portion of the instruction they receive must be of this character. But we certainly would not advise that the blind be

made dependent on our public schools for their education. The blind differ from children who have all their faculties: deafness gives the mind peculiarities in one direction, blindness gives it peculiarities in the opposite direction, hence, deaf mutes and blind persons are as unlike as they can well be. If, then, the fact that blind children differ materially from those who can hear and see and speak is a good reason for not educating them together, then surely the fact that they differ vastly more from the deaf and dumb is a very good reason for not associating them in the same institution. In looking over the tables of thirty-two institutions for the education of the deaf and dumb in the United States, we found but seven, including our own, where the blind are associated with them. In conversation with the officers and teachers of the institution, your committee found but one opinion with regard to this matter: that the blind should be removed. It is freely stated by them that they *cannot* do justice by both classes in the same institution; that particularly the blind must necessarily be deprived of many privileges they might enjoy were they not in such close connection with the deaf and dumb.

To impress upon your minds the necessity of prompt action in this matter, your committee will endeavor to give you some idea of the present condition of the pupils. The dormitory occupied by the deaf and dumb girls, is a large open room on the third floor, containing sixty beds, with no place to hang up any article of clothing, and no place to lay anything down unless it is laid on the floor or on a bed. No mirrors in the room, and no place to wash; to do this they are compelled to go down to the basement floor; here there are eight wash-bowls. Here, too, are all the wardrobes or places they have for hanging up clothing; for each one a little place perhaps twenty-four inches wide by eighteen deep. Their sitting room and study room is a large room similar to dormitory on first floor, blind girls' dormitory and chapel on second floor, so that there is really no place in the building where any one of these girls can go by herself or be alone for any purpose. Even the bath tubs, six in number, were all in one room with no partition between them, but at the suggestion of the committee board partitions have been set up. When we remember that many of these girls are from fourteen to twenty years of age we leave it with you to decide whether such a state of things tends to the better observing of the proprieties of the sex or the refinement of the moral feelings.

The boys' rooms are in another wing of the building, and are similar to those occupied by the girls. The boys dormitory is literally full.

To relieve in some measure the crowded condition of the dormitories the trustees ask for five thousand dollars to build a new shop, that they may use that part of the building now occupied as a shoe shop (which is the old chapel) as a dormitory. Then the question comes up, who shall occupy this dormitory? If they put a part of the deaf and dumb boys there that will not relieve the girls' dormitory, and they cannot take the blind boys and a part of the deaf and dumb, because they have found it necessary to keep them entirely separate and distinct. They are, neither allowed to be together in the school room, the sitting room, the sleeping room, or on the play ground.

All that the trustees *can* do is to partition this room, now occupied as a shoe shop, and use it as a dormitory for the blind girls and boys. But there are no water closets in that wing of the building, it is considerably removed from the dining room and sitting room, is on the third floor, and is, in fact, more unsuitable for a dormitory than the rooms now occupied as such.

And here allow me to quote from the report of the physician for the year 1874. Speaking of the condition of the dormitories, he says: "Presuming that the dormitories now occupied by both sexes are only sufficient for one, at least with the near prospective increase which is sure to come, it may not be out of place to suggest that those now in use be devoted exclusively to the boys, and new and more appropriate ones be constructed for the girls. There are still more cogent reasons why they should occupy smaller rooms, with more personal seclusion than they at present enjoy.

And then again, they should be relieved from the severely onerous and injurious task of climbing so many and such difficult stairs as they are now compelled to do. The pernicious effects of stair-climbing to females are too well known to physicians, and your committee think that after giving this subject serious and careful attention, all will see the impropriety of constructing other buildings with the view of compelling girls, and especially blind girls from the ages of ten to twenty years, to occupy permanently rooms on the third floor as sleeping apartments, with no conveniences for bathing or the toilet, and every way so illy adapted to the purpose as these are. In case of fire, no one can say what the result might not be. Your committee wish it distinctly understood that we are opposed to the construction of any more buildings with any other end in view than the separation of the blind children from the deaf and dumb.

In the principal's report of two years ago he says some parts of this institution already have as many occupants as they can well accommodate, and some of them more. "Very soon our dormitories will hold no more. Very soon our dining room will be crowded to its utmost capacity; and we shall also need more rooms for school rooms and for domestics." Your committee would impress this idea upon you, that if we go on and build the shop now asked for, we have done nothing to enlarge the dining room which is very full. (I think no more tables can be put in.) We have no more school rooms and no more rooms for domestics.

The girls' dormitories are not properly located and arranged, and very soon the State must erect a new building for these purposes. We have really made one step in the wrong direction, while if the blind children are taken away the school rooms vacated by them can be made available, and there will be room enough for the deaf and dumb for some time to come.

As a means of temporary relief to the crowded condition of the dormitories and for the better accommodation of the pupils, we recommend that the shoe shop be removed to the upper part of the building now occupied as a cabinet shop.

That the girls' dormitories be divided into small rooms by partitions of inch boards about seven feet high, and that conveniences for bathing be provided on this floor.

We are aware that by thus partitioning these rooms, we very much diminish their capacity for sleeping apartments, but by having the blind occupy the room now used as a shoe shop, there will be room enough for all till the blind can be removed, which will reduce the number of children seventeen and one-half per cent, besides vacating eleven rooms now used for giving the blind instruction in their studies, and in music, etc.

Another reason that your committee would urge for removing the blind is, that we think there is a very strong feeling throughout the State against sending blind children to the institution on account of the necessity of their associ-

ating more or less with the deaf and dumb, from which association they are the sufferers. Your committee are unanimous in thinking that the steps preparatory to this removal should be made now. We do not pretend to say whether a new building should be put up at Flint, or remove them to some other point. In either case, we would say, the building need not be expensive, and need not have expensive lands in connection. But we recommend the appointment by the Governor of three persons as a board to decide upon and procure a suitable site, to provide plans, specifications, and estimates for a building; to report a full statement of their doings, as such board, to the Governor, which he shall lay before the next Legislature, with such recommendations as he shall think best.

Your committee present herewith an itemized estimate of the expenses of the institution for the years 1877 and 1878.

We think that the management of the shops might be very much improved. They have been a loss or expense to the State of seven thousand two hundred dollars for the past two years. Or in other words, it has cost the State one hundred and nine dollars for instruction in the shops for each one of the sixty-six boys there employed; and this, too, when some of these boys have been at work there three or four years.

The shops are not under the control of the principal or any resident of the institution. By reducing the number of foremen, and perhaps the salaries, and a closer supervision, we think much better results might be obtained. In the institutions for the deaf and dumb in Ohio and Indiana, the cabinet and shoe shops are self supporting. In ours the manufactured goods sell for only a little more than enough to pay for the stock and keep up the tools.

We have included in the current expenses the appropriations for the conduct of the shops, for painting and general repairs, and for beds and bedding; for all of which we recommend an appropriation of forty-three thousand five hundred dollars for each year. We do not recommend the appropriation asked for a barn. The portico we do not recommend. The shop is not recommended, for reasons already given. We recommend an appropriation of one thousand dollars for partitions in and ventilating dormitories.

The total amount of special appropriations recommended by us for the two years is five thousand dollars, for other items of which we refer you to our itemized estimate of expenses.

We also present a list of officers, teachers, and employes of the Institution, and amount of salary paid to each.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject,

WM. O. PACKARD, *Chairman.*

The following statements accompanied the report:

Officers, Teachers, and Employees, for the Month of December, 1876.

No.	NAMES.	Grade.	Rate.	Time.	Residence.	Remarks.
1	J. W. Parker.....	Principal.....	\$600 00	Per year	Resident	12 months.
2	Emma A. Hall.....	Matron.....	450 00	"	"	"
3	Dan H. Church.....	Steward.....	1,200 00	"	Non-resident	"
4	L. V. Abbott.....	1st Ass't Matron.....	300 00	"	Resident	"
5	Mrs. M. E. Clarkson...	2d ".....	300 00	"	"	"
6	Daniel Clark.....	Physician.....	200 00	"	Non-resident	"
7	Thos. L. Brown.....	Teacher.....	1,600 00	"	"	School year.
8	Willis Hubbard.....	".....	1,000 00	"	"	"
9	John J. Buchanan.....	".....	600 00	"	"	"
10	Carrie Standart.....	".....	300 00	"	Resident	"
11	Addie Hendershot.....	".....	300 00	"	"	"
12	Phebe Wright.....	".....	250 00	"	"	"
13	Maggie T. Bennett.....	".....	250 00	"	"	"
14	Kate E. Barry.....	".....	200 00	"	"	"
15	Fred Platt.....	".....	400 00	"	"	"
16	Hattie E. McGaun.....	".....	400 00	"	"	"
17	Mrs. Sarah H. Brown.....	".....	400 00	"	"	"
18	Jennie Van Wormer.....	".....	400 00	"	"	"
19	Emma Knight.....	".....	300 00	"	"	"
20	Charles McBride.....	Boy's Supervisor.....	350 00	"	"	"
21	Mrs. Sarah Jones.....	Girl's ".....	250 00	"	"	"
22	Edwin Barton.....	Foreman Cabinet Shop	800 00	"	Non-resident	12 months.
23	R. H. Carey.....	Carpenter ".....	675 00	"	"	"
24	Thos. Page.....	Foreman Shoe Shop..	800 00	"	"	School year.
25	John Lynch.....	Assistant " ".....	2 00	Per day	"	"
26	Frank Eggleston.....	" " ".....	100 00	Per year	Resident	12 months.
27	Hermann Koepfman.....	Foreman Basket Shop	600 00	"	Non-resident	School year.
28	George H. Pond.....	" Print'g office	700 00	"	"	"
29	Grace Judd.....	Sewing Dep't.....	4 00	Per week	Resident	"
30	Hannah Morley.....	" ".....	3 50	"	"	"
31	Mrs. E. W. Bowker.....	" ".....	3 00	"	"	"
32	Thos. Stilson.....	Engineer.....	900 00	Per year	Non-resident	12 months.
33	John Austin.....	Ass't Engineer.....	50 00	Per mo.	"	"
34	Samuel Mills.....	Fireman.....	40 00	"	"	10 months.
35	Charles Selleck.....	Farmer.....	600 00	Per year	"	12 months.
36	Wm. Robbins.....	Teamster.....	480 00	"	"	"
37	John Dyer.....	Gardener and Laborer	400 00	"	"	"
38	M. O'Rourke.....	Watchman.....	40 00	Per mo.	"	"
39	John Roddy.....	Baker.....	35 00	"	"	School year.
40	Miss E. Reasoner.....	Cook.....	5 00	Per week	Resident	"
41	Carrie Eldridge.....	Domestic.....	3 25	"	"	"
42	Mary Patterson.....	".....	3 25	"	"	"
43	Mary Shoke.....	".....	3 25	"	"	11 months.
44	Rachel Shoemaker.....	".....	3 25	"	"	School year.
45	Lizzie Bryan.....	".....	3 25	"	"	"
46	Amelia Sager.....	".....	3 25	"	"	11 months.
47	Hattie Bartlett.....	".....	3 25	"	"	"
48	Maggie Clark.....	".....	3 25	"	"	School year.
49	Ada Bartlett.....	".....	3 25	"	"	11 months.
50	Annie Layd.....	".....	3 25	"	"	School year.
51	Fernella McKinnion.....	".....	3 25	"	"	"
52	Mrs. E. Page.....	Washerwoman.....	1 00	Per day	Non-resident	11 months.
53	Maggie Tread.....	Ironer.....	3 50	Per week	Resident	"
54	Lottie Glover.....	".....	2 50	"	"	"
Total.....			\$20,427 50			

No. of employees, 54.

a Remain during one-third of vacation.

b Repairs buildings, etc., during vacation.

c Chore boy during vacation.

d May remain few weeks during vacation, repairing and making bedding.

e Established since 1872.

f Making repairs on heating apparatus and soldering tin roofs on buildings.

g Gardener about 7 months; draws wood with teamster, does chores, etc., etc., for 5 months.

h Acts as fireman during summer, in addition to watchman duties.

i Paid \$35.00 per month since Nov. 1st (given \$30.00 in Report).

Current expenses for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1876..... \$46,316 77

Less debit balance, Oct. 1, 1875..... 3,325 98

Actual for the year ending Sept. 30, 1876..... \$42,990 79

Average No. of Pupils during year..... 220

Per capita cost of maintaining pupils for fiscal year..... \$196 50

No. of Pupils receiving instruction in cabinet shop..... 11

" " " shoe shop..... 23

" " " basket shop..... 30

" " " printing office..... 19

" " " sewing department, about..... 30

Total No. receiving instruction in the industries..... 96

Pupils receive 3 hours' instruction in the industries per day.

Estimated expenses of the institution for the education of the deaf, and dumb, and blind, for 1877 and 1878:

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Groceries and provisions.....	\$14,000 00
Fuel.....	3,100 00
Lights.....	1,200 00
Crockery and cooking utensils.....	300 00
Furniture.....	600 00
Laundry salaries \$526.00, washing materials and utensils, repairs on machinery, steam pipes, etc., for washing and ironing, \$574.00.....	1,100 00
Engines boilers and heating apparatus, salaries, \$1,900.00, tools, oil, packing, repairs, etc., \$600.00.....	2,500 00
Hay, straw and grain.....	400 00
Farming implements.....	125 00
Wagons, sleighs, harness, etc.....	200 00
Sewing department.....	150 00
School books.....	250 00
Office books, printing, etc.....	150 00
Postage.....	150 00
Medical expenses, salaries, \$500.00, drugs and medicines, \$100.....	600 00
Ice.....	75 00
Freight and drayage.....	200 00
Pupils' expenses, traveling expenses of guides, etc.....	200 00
Salaries officers and employés.....	6,500 00
Salaries teachers.....	6,699 00
To pay foremen, and purchase material in shoe, cabinet, and basket shops, and printing office.....	3,000 00
Painting and general repairs.....	1,000 00
Beds and bedding.....	625 00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	750 00
One-half of debit balance.....	1,926 00
Total for one year.....	\$45,800 00
Total for two years.....	\$91,600 00
Deduct cash on hand and estimated receipts, see report board of trustees, 1876, pages 24, 47, 49.....	\$4,600 00
Appropriations needed for current expenses.....	\$87,000 00

SPECIAL EXPENSES.

50 rods plank walk.....	\$150 00
2 water-closets for dormitories.....	1,000 00
200 squares floor.....	1,000 00
1 washing-machine, 1 mangle.....	500 00
Steam cooking apparatus.....	300 00
1 fire-proof safe.....	250 00

1 set platform scales.....	\$125 00
Wardrobes.....	280 00
200 rods board fence.....	350 00
Partitions in and ventilating dormitories.....	1,045 00

Total special appropriations needed.....	\$5,000 00
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Aggregate of appropriations needed for the two years, 1877 and 1878.....	\$92,000 00
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Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on public lands;

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred

Petition of J. S. Cowen, T. B. Willson, Wellington Rosco and forty-eight others, citizens of Kent county, asking for an appropriation of three thousand dollars from the proper fund to drain certain swamp lands in Kent and Montcalm counties,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The petition was laid on the table.

By the committee on public lands:

The committee on public lands to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the board of control of State swamp lands to make an appropriation of swamp lands to repair, preserve and reconstruct a part of the Cass river and Bay City State road,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on fisheries:

The committee on fisheries, to whom was referred

Joint resolution requiring the fish commissioners of this State to enforce the law, and perfect and submit to owners of dams, plans for the construction of ash ladders on streams that are highways, or on any and all streams required by law,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. V. TYLER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 1, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend sections 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 24, and 28, of act No. 256 of the session laws of 1871, an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Grass Lake," approved March 31st, 1871,

An act to define the powers and duties of officers authorized to sell real estate in pursuance of decrees of courts of equity, and to prescribe the notice to be given in such cases,

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 1, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 5, entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of Schuyler W. Ambler, county treasurer of Gratiot county,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 1, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 176, being section 5098 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery;

2. Senate bill No. 27, entitled

A bill to amend section 16 of chapter 213 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled, "The action of replevin;"

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 1, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following joint resolution:

Substitute for House joint resolution No. 9, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a harbor at Menominee, which harbor is upon the dividing line between the States of Michigan and Wisconsin;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on federal relations.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Burch moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 115, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Cadillac, and repeal act No. 336 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 22d, 1875.

On motion of Mr. Burch.

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to take from the table,

Senate bill No. 75, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1856, being section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to salary of judges of probate;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Adair moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 9 (printed No. 9,) entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant prosecuting attorney for the county of Wayne;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 40, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Michigan and Huron Institute," approved March 21, 1837, being act number 105;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox.
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 93, entitled

A bill to regulate the height of bridges over railroad tracks;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 95, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Board of Control of State swamp lands to make an appropriation of State swamp lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from the Straits of Mackinaw to Marquette Harbor, on Lake Superior," approved March 21, 1873, as amended by an act approved March 24, 1874, and also by an act approved April 15, 1875;

Was read a third time and passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Edsell,

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 96, entitled

A bill to amend an act to incorporate State and subordinate granges, approved April 8, 1875;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook.	Morse,	Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Breitung,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 57, entitled

A bill to amend section 50 of an act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State Prison, being act No. 213 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 3d, 1875;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Nelson moved that the same be recommitted to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Which motion prevailed.

Senate joint resolution No. 6, entitled

A joint resolution to amend Article VII. of the Constitution of the State of Michigan relative to elections, by adding a new section thereto to stand as section 9, in regard to the qualification of voters,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Burch moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. McElroy, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "shall," in line 1 of recited section 6, and inserting "may," in place thereof.

Mr. Nelson demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded, and the main question ordered.

The question first occurring on the amendment,

The same was not agreed to.

The question then being on the passage of the joint resolution,

The same was not passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Burch,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. McElroy,
Breitung,	Wm. Cook,	Jenney,	Newcomb,
Burleigh,			

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Andrus,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Morse,	Rankin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Nelson,	Read,	Wilcox,
Foote,	Osborn,	Redfield,	

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Mr. Jenney moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Foote,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Adair offered the following resolution :

Resolved (the House concurring), That the Senate and House will meet in joint convention in the Hall of Representatives at half-past two this afternoon, for the purpose of considering such nominations as the Governor may be pleased to make.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Senate joint resolution No. 10, entitled

Joint resolution requesting the Commissioner of Insurance to confer with Commissioners of Insurance in other States, and prepare and present to the next Legislature in January, 1879, a form of law to govern life insurance companies doing business in this State,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Nelson,	Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,			26

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Title and preamble agreed to.

Senate bill No. 75, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1856, being section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to salary of judges of probate,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Andrus demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded and the main question ordered.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Redfield,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Freeman,	Read,	Wilcox,	16

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Rankin,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Wm. Cook,	Nelson,	Perrin,		11

Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill ;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Nelson asked and obtained leave of absence for himself until Tuesday, March 6th.

House bill No. 9 (printed No. 9), entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant prosecuting attorney for the county of Wayne,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,
Breitung,	Footo,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,			

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Mr. Baxter,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By unanimous consent Mr. Footo moved that the Secretary be instructed to request the House to return

Substitute for House bill No. 571, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Chesaning, in the county of Saginaw, and attach the same to the township of Brady, in said county;

Which motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent Mr. Tyler offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourn it be to meet on Monday evening, March 5th, at half past 8 o'clock;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Waterbury moved that the Senate take a recess until half past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Packard moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which motion prevailed, and the President declared the Senate adjourned to Monday evening, March 5, at 8½ o'clock.

Lansing, Monday, March 5, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 8:30 o'clock P. M.
Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Morse : Petition of S. H. Van Leuren and 34 others, praying that the law taxing the liquor traffic be amended so that the tax may go to the county poor fund ;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Shoemaker : Petition of Wm. G. Thompson and 130 citizens of Jackson, asking for the passage of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors ;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Foote ; Remonstrance of James A. Carrier, and many others, against the passage of House bill No. 571, relative to the detaching certain territory from the township of Chesaning, and annexing the same to the township of Brady, in the county of Saginaw ;

Also,

Remonstrance of Nelson Phy and others, to the same effect.

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Burch : Petition of J. A. Whitmore, E. F. Sawyer, and 70 others, citizens of Wexford county, in favor of a new judicial circuit ;

Also,

Petition of James M. Reed and 51 other citizens of Reed City, Osceola county, for the same object ;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Perrin : Petition of John Hicks and 195 others, citizens of St. Johns and vicinity, praying that Senate bill No. 26, relative to a uniformity of text books in the primary and graded schools of this State, may become a law ;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on canals and river and harbor improvements :

The committee on canals and river and harbor improvements, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 38, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for improvement of the harbor at Saugatuck, in Allegan county ;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FITCH R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on canals and river and harbor improvements :

The committee on canals and river and harbor improvements, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 46, entitled

Joint resolution asking for an appropriation in money for the improvement of the harbor at Holland, in the county of Ottawa, State of Michigan;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FITCH R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 230 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 5539, relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 188 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5954, relative to proof of demand in suit,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 100 (printed No. 56), entitled

A bill to authorize any company that may be formed under the general laws of this State for the purpose of building a plank, wood, block, gravel, or stone road from some point on Griswold street, in the city of Port Huron, to the northwest corner of section 17, in town 6 north, of range 16 east, or to any point farther west, to charge tolls for travel on said road at the rate of three cents a mile for double teams, and one-half that rate for single teams, for the period of six years,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amend-

ment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 2, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 55, entitled

A bill to change the name of Mark Anthony Greer to John Anthony Gordon.

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 2, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to re-transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 571, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Chesaning, in the county of Saginaw, and attach the same to the township of Barry in said county;

In accordance with a request of the Senate for the same.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Foote moved that the rule requiring that a motion to reconsider a vote be made within two days after the taking thereof, be suspended.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Foote then moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the above named bill.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Foote,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on counties and townships.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 2, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 329, entitled

A bill to revise and amend the charter of the village of Saline, in the county of Washtenaw;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,
Burch,	Morgan,		

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Mr. Perrin,	Mr. Waterbury,	2
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Perrin moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill;

Which motion did not prevail.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, March 6, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Parsons.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Senators Wm. Cook, Jenney, and McElroy.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. McElroy indefinitely on account of sickness.

Mr. Burch asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wm. Cook for the day.

Mr. Burleigh asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Jenney for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Foote: Petition of Henry Parshall, Jacob Armstrong and 286 others, praying for the passage of House bill No. 571, relative to detaching a part of two sections of land from the township of Chesaning, and attaching the same to the township of Brady, in the County of Saginaw;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Rankin: Petition of Henry C. Riggs, Dexter Horton, and 12 other citizens of Fenton, in Genesee county, asking the passage of a law prohibiting a higher rate of interest than seven per cent;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Burch: Petition of Hon. J. Sayles, Ira R. Ennes, and 30 other citizens of Osceola county, in favor of a new judicial circuit;

Also,

Petition of James Bevins and 28 other citizens of the same county for the same object;

Also,

Petition of James S. Holden and 20 other citizens of the same county for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Hon. N. L. Gerrish, D. A. Blodgett, and 35 other citizens of the same county for the same object;

Also,

Petition of M. L. Swem and 20 other citizens of the same county for the same object;

Also,

Petition of the county officers of the same county, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By the same: Petition of Ernest Nickoson and 15 other citizens of Osceola and Lake counties, in favor of placing all railroad companies whose charters have expired, under the general railroad law;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By the same: Petition of Ernest Nickoson and 14 others, citizens of same counties, in favor of some law prohibiting a rate of interest above seven per cent;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State Reform School:

The committee on the State Reform School, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to said Institution, would respectfully report that in obedience to said resolution, and in company with a like committee from the other House, have made several visits to said institution, and find the management and condition of the same very satisfactory. Your committee do not deem it necessary to make an extended, or elaborate report on the affairs of said Institution, as the same has been, and is being so often visited by members, as to render such report unnecessary. The present outlook for employment for the boys, that shall be best for them, and at the same time profitable to the State, is not as satisfactory as your committee wish they could report. The manufacture of chairs seems to be all the work to do at the present, without an-

other outlay of money on the part of the State, to start some other manufacture, which experiment your committee do not recommend.

Your committee, on the suggestion of the Governor, and after advising with the Board of Control, agree unanimously in recommending that the law be so amended as to admit boys eight years of age in said school, and providing that they shall not be kept therein after they shall arrive at the age of eighteen years. And your committee would also recommend the passage of a law by which an exchange can be made of boys at the Reform and State Public Schools, allowing such boys at the Reform School as (in the judgment of the Board) shall be deemed advisable, to be transferred to the State Public School, and such boys at the State Public School, whose condition would be bettered (in the judgment of the Board), to be transferred to the Reform School; it appearing to your committee that such mutual exchange could be made to the great advantage of the boys, and without loss to the State.

Your committee, by comparing the number of boys kept at the Reform School with the number found at our other State Institutions, feel much satisfaction in the financial management of said Institution, and while believing that a wise economy should prevail in the management of all our concerns, whether public or private, your committee feel satisfied that the amounts recommended for the State Reform School will be needed for the years 1877 and 1878.

Your committee find the current expenses of the Reform School as follows, and recommend the appropriation of \$26,000 for each of the years 1877 and 1878, to cover said expenses:

Board of Control.....	\$500 00
Superintendent \$1,500.00, Assistant Superintendent \$800.00.....	2,300 00
Teachers' salaries (six teachers).....	2,370 00
Employés' salaries.....	6,086 88
Provisions.....	7,500 00
Clothing and shoes.....	4,200 00
Fuel.....	1,800 00
Lights, gas.....	800 00
Furniture and repairs.....	550 00
Farm implements.....	300 00
Improvements to farm, seeds, etc.....	300 00
Postage, stationery, express charges, etc.....	200 00
Discharged boys' railroad fare, etc.....	240 00
Runaways \$60, blacksmithing \$150.....	210 00
Physician \$180, secretary \$300.....	480 00
Chaplain \$208, carpenter \$700.....	908 00
Repairs to building.....	600 00
School furniture and fixtures.....	300 00
Beds and bedding.....	300 00
Repairs to machinery, tools, etc.....	300 00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	155 12
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Profits from boys' work.....	\$3,400 00
Profits from farm stock	650 00
Interest on deposits	350 00
Appropriation	26,000 00
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	\$30,400 00
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. R. COOK, *Chairman.*

Report accepted.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 15 of an act entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon," being section 981 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that it be printed, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for a probate register for the county of Monroe,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 2, 1877. {

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

Joint resolution for the relief of Schuyler W. Ambler, county treasurer of Gratiot county.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Baxter in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills :

1. House bill No. 62 (printed No. 19), entitled

A bill to amend section 66 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ludington," approved March 22d. 1873.—the same being act No. 220 of the session laws of 1873.

2. Senate bill No. 102, entitled

A bill to change the name of John William Hale to John William Northwood.

3. Senate bill No. 103, entitled

A bill to authorize registers of deeds to procure a seal of office.

4. Senate bill No. 105, entitled

A bill to regulate the manner of electing trustees in union school district No. 1, of the city of Jackson.

5. Senate bill No. 106, entitled

A bill to provide for the reference of certain causes in chancery, involving an accounting between the parties.

6. Senate bill No. 109, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 1633 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to interest, and for the punishment of the taking of usury.

7. Senate bill No. 110, entitled

A bill to provide for a new registration of the qualified electors of the city of Flint.

8. Senate bill No. 111, entitled

A bill relating to the punishment of bank, safe, and vault robbery.

9. Senate bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873.

10. Senate bill No. 114, entitled

A bill making appropriations for building additions, repairs, and improvements to the State Prison at Jackson.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

11. Senate bill No. 97, entitled

A bill to protect the rights of aged, infirm, and weak-minded persons.

12. Senate bill No. 98, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Monroe to raise money for the erection and maintenance of water-works.

13. House bill No. 80 (printed No. 45), entitled

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Wayne.

14. Senate bill No. 99, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Laingsburg.

15. Senate bill No. 101, entitled

A bill to provide for the preparation and publication of an index to the general laws passed at the sessions of the Legislature for the years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1877, and at stated periods thereafter.

16. House bill No. 77 (printed No. 37), entitled

A bill to detach T. No. 31 N., of R. 5 W., from the present township of Central Lake, in the county of Antrim, and to attach the same to the township of Jordan in said county.

17. Senate bill No. 104, entitled

A bill to amend section 2028 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 2 of an act to prevent animals from running at large in the public highways,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize cities and villages to take private property for public uses,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill as amended was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 5249, 5375, 5431, and 5432 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 96 of the session laws of 1875, relative to courts held by justices of the peace,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,
The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,)
Lansing, March 6, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 86, entitled

A bill to amend section four of act 217 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to revise and amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor," approved March 23d, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18th, 1871, approved March 18th, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drink,

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same, by adding to end of recited Sec. 2 the following:

"And provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prohibit the common council of said city from regulating by tax, or otherwise the business of dealing in malt, spirituous, or intoxicating liquors,"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook;	Morse,	Read,	Williams, 28

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Mr. Adair,

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Shoemaker offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Section 41 of "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State Prison and the government and discipline thereof, and to repeal all acts inconsistent therewith," approved May 3, 1875, provides that "the inspectors shall allow each convict who has performed in a faithful, orderly, and

peaceful manner, all the duties assigned to him, and who has become entitled to a deduction from his sentence as aforesaid from time to time, as they may judge best, five per cent. of the value of each days' labor actually performed by such convict, to be computed on the average rate per day paid by contractors for convict labor in the prison, and the inspectors may cause such earnings to be paid either to the family of the convict, or applied to his benefit in such manner, in such sums, and at such times as they may think proper;

And whereas, A large sum of money will be drawn from the State Treasury by the operation of this section of said act;

And whereas, It is proposed to adopt substantially the same provision in an act "to regulate and govern the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia," and therefore it is important to ascertain as near as may be what is, and will be, the amount drawn from the State Treasury under said section; therefore

Resolved, That the committee on State prison be and they are hereby instructed to ascertain, by inquiry of the warden of the State prison, and otherwise, as to them may seem best, and report to the Senate the amount, as near as may be, which will be drawn from the State Treasury or paid by that institution under the provisions of the above recited section, and that inquiry shall not only cover the present working of said section, but also the probable amount to be paid when the same shall come into full force by having been a law for the average length of the sentences of convicts;

Which were adopted.

Mr. Williams moved that
Senate bill No. 82, entitled

A bill to amend sections 54, 57, and 76, of chapter six, being compiler's sections 85, 88, and 107 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to elections,

Which passed the Senate February 28th, be ordered to take immediate effect;

Which motion prevailed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 62 (printed No. 19), entitled

A bill to amend section 66 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ludington," approved March 22, 1873, the same being act No. 220 of the session laws of 1873,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Morse,	Read,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Nelson,	Redfield,	27

NAYS.

Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Hinchman,	3
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 102, entitled

A bill to change the name of John William Hale to John William Northwood,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,			30

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Foote,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 103, entitled

A bill to authorize registers of deeds to procure a seal of office,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,			30

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 105, entitled

A bill to regulate the manner of electing trustees in Union school district No. 1, of the city of Jackson;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on education and public schools.

Which was adopted.

Senate bill No. 106, entitled

A bill to provide for the reference of certain causes in chancery, involving an accounting between the parties;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,

Mr. Breitung,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,			30
		NAYS.		0

Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 109, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 1633 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to interest, and for the punishment of the taking of usury;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

Senate bill No. 110, entitled

A bill to provide for a new registration of the qualified electors of the city of Flint;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.				
Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,			30
		NAYS.		0

Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 111, entitled

A bill relating to the punishment of bank, safe, and vault robbery,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.				
Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,		27
		NAYS.		
Mr. Shoemaker,	Mr. Waterbury,	Mr. Wilcox,		3

Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morse,	Read,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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Mr. Edsell,	1
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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Williams moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend act No. 95 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to regulate and define the duties of the judges of probate in certain cases," approved April 15, 1873;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Senate bill No. 114, entitled

A bill making appropriations for building additions, repairs and improvements to the State prison at Jackson,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morse,		

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NAYS.

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 97, entitled

A bill to protect the rights of aged, infirm, and weak-minded persons,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Burch,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Redfield,
Breitung,	Wm. Cook,	Hinchman,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Edsell,	Perrin,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Tyler,
Andrus,	Morgan,	Packard,	Waterbury,

Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,	Mr. Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Nelson,	Read,	Williams,	
Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,		19

Senate bill No. 98, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Monroe to raise money for the erection and maintenance of water-works,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Burch,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	28

NAYS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Williams,	2
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 80 (printed No. 45), entitled

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Wayne.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,			30

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Markey,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 99, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Laingsburg ;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Perrin,	Waterbury,

Mr. Burch, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey, Morgan, Morse,	Mr. Rankin, Read,	Mr. Wilcox, Williams,	30 0
NAYS.				

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 101, entitled

A bill to provide for the preparation and publication of an index to the general laws passed at the sessions of the Legislature for the years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1877, and at stated periods thereafter,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, Burleigh, Burch,	Mr. Chamberlain, D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook, Edsell, Foote, Freeman,	Mr. Hinchman, Markey, Morgan, Nelson, Newcomb, Osborn,	Mr. Packard, Perrin, Rankin, Read, Wilcox, Williams,	24
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Mr. Morse, Redfield,	Mr. Shoemaker, Taylor,	Mr. Tyler,	Mr. Waterbury,	6
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 77 (printed No. 37), entitled

A bill to detach township No. thirty-one (31) north of range No. five(5) west from the present township of Central Lake, in the county of Antrim, and to attach the same to the township of Jordan in said county,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, Burleigh, Burch, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook,	Mr. Wm. Cook, Edsell, Foote, Freeman, Hinchman, Markey, Morse,	Mr. Nelson, Newcomb, Osborn, Packard, Perrin, Rankin, Read,	Mr. Redfield, Shoemaker, Taylor, Tyler, Waterbury, Wilcox, Williams,	28
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NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Morgan,	2
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 104, entitled

A bill to amend section 2028 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 2 of "An act to prevent animals from running at large in the public highways,"

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Burch, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out "sixty-seven," and inserting "seventy-seven" in lieu thereof;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Read,
Breitung,	Edsell,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Freeman,	Perrin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Markey,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Shoemaker,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Waterbury,
Newcomb,			

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass Senate bill No. 97, entitled

A bill to protect the rights of aged, infirm, and weak-minded persons.

Mr. Morse moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table,

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion to reconsider then prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was laid on the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Waterbury in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 117, entitled

A bill to provide for the collection of damages sustained by reason of defective bridges, culverts, sidewalks, and crosswalks, upon the public streets in incorporated cities and villages;

2. Senate bill No. 83, entitled

A bill to provide a contingent fund for certain township purposes;

3. Senate bill No. 123, entitled

A bill to reorganize the first and fourth judicial circuits, and to create the twenty-second judicial circuit;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

4. House bill No. 1 (printed No. 55), entitled

A bill to facilitate the organization of mutual benefit and coöperative associations within this State,

5. Senate bill No. 118, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 123 of the session laws of 1873, the same being an act to amend act No. 154 of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts and in the district court of the Upper Peninsula," approved March 16, 1861, being section 6465 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

6. Senate bill No. 87, entitled

A bill relative to appropriations.

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on appropriations and finance.

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following joint resolution :

7. Senate joint resolution No. 1, entitled

A joint resolution to amend section 12 of Art. VI. of the Constitution of the State of Michigan relative to the appointment of clerk of the Supreme Court ;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The fourth and fifth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first, second, and third named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the sixth named bill was recommitted to the committee on appropriations and finance.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the joint resolution, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the Senate take a recess until half past seven o'clock this evening.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, March 7, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Potter.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read : Remonstrance of F. A. Bail, and 60 other citizens, against the re-establishment of the county school superintendency system ;

Also,

Remonstrance of W. Long and 10 others, to the same effect ;

Also,

Remonstrance of W. Gowan, and 5 others, to the same effect ;

Also,

Remonstrance of C. L. Read, and 14 other citizens, to the same effect ;

Also,

Remonstrance of George Bolt, and 19 others, to the same effect ;

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By the same : Petition of W. D. Case, and 18 others, praying that the general railroad laws be so amended as to require all railroads to establish uniform rates of freight ;

Also,

Petition of W. Gowan and 10 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of Geo. Bolt and 20 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of N. Walker and 8 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of Jerome Parsons and 47 other citizens of Kalamazoo county, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of F. A. Bail, Wm. Forbes, and 68 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of C. L. Read and 13 others for the same object ;

The petitions were referred to the committee on railroads.

By the same : Petition of D. E. Morgan and 9 others, praying that the privileges of the Agricultural College may be extended to both sexes ;

Also,

Petition of George Bolt and 22 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of C. L. Read and 13 others, for the same object ;

The petitions were referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

By the same : Petition of E. Hope and 59 others, praying for the passage of a law restricting the rate of interest to seven per cent. ;

Also,

Petition of D. E. Morgan and 9 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of Nathan Whitney and 21 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Michael Hallihan and 19 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Peter Hoffman and 12 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Eli C. Thayer and 18 other citizens of Jackson county, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of F. A. Bail, William Forbes and 62 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Wm. H. Barry, and 16 others, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Petition of Henry Beighey, and 18 others, praying for the passage of a law defining the weight of a bushel of apples;

Also,

Petition of W. Gowan, and 7 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Eli C. Thayer, and 17 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of C. L. Read, and 9 others, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs;

By Mr. Foote: Remonstrance of James Shearer, and others, owners of over 4,800 acres of land in town 19, north of range 3 west, against detaching the same from the town of Sheridan, Clare county, as contemplated by House bill No. 198;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Rankin: Remonstrance of J. C. Decker, Eugene Parsell, O. F. Lockhead, W. L. Gibson, and 54 other citizens of Genesee county, against the passage of any law prohibiting the running of deer with dogs;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Burch: Petition of Charles Bellamy, and 12 other citizens of Osceola county, in favor of a new judicial circuit;

Also,

Petition of J. Green, and 60 others, citizens of Clare and Osceola counties, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend "An act to define the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties, and to confer on them certain local administrative and legislative powers," approved April 8, 1851,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill relating to the salary of county clerks,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to make it optional with towns to alter their system of repairing highways,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of act number 197 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to amend section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the salaries of judges of probate." And also to amend section 2 of act number 140 of the session laws of the year 1873, entitled "An act to amend sections 2 and 8 of an act entitled 'An act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1846, being chapter 175 [239] of the compiled laws of 1871, and to authorize the salaries of judges of probate,' approved February 15, 1859, being sections 7436 and 7469 of the compiled laws of 1871. And also to amend section 7437, chapter 2339, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the salaries of judges of probate.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committees on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the appointment of three bank commissioners to examine, revise, amend and add to the banking laws,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when

so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSSELL, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on appropriation and finance and State public school, jointly :

The committees on appropriation and finance and State public school jointly, to whom was referred

A bill to establish a house of refuge and reformatory asylum for females,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed your chairman to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, recommending that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman committee on appropriations and finance.

WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN,

Chairman committee on State Public School.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on appropriations and finance ;

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 86 (printed No. 36), entitled

A bill to amend sections 153, 155, and 156, of act 169, session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to provide for the uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon, being compiler's sections Nos. 1119, 1121, and 1122, compiled laws of 1871 ;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section two of chapter 41, being section 1632 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to interest,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance:

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 57, entitled

A bill to amend section 50 of an act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State prison, being act No. 213 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 3d, 1875;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in; and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Pending the taking the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word "suit" in line 22 of recited section 50, the following:

"*Provided*, That the judge of any court in pronouncing sentence, hereafter, upon an adjudged criminal, shall order his confinement in the State prison at Jackson, or the House of Correction at Ionia, with provision that the general board of managers of said State Prison and House of Correction shall have power to transfer such adjudged criminal from one of said institutions to the other, when, for any reason, they shall think proper," and, also, by inserting after the word "*provided*," the word "*further*."

Mr. Shoemaker moved to amend the amendment by striking out all thereof that related to the transfer of prisoners from the State Prison to the State House of Correction at Ionia;

Which motion prevailed.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,

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Mr. Foote, Mr. Williams,

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Title agreed to.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the appointment of a board of railroad commissioners, and to define their powers and duties and to fix their compensation,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 5 of act 79, session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Railroads, and to define his powers and duties and fix his compensation," approved April 10th, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 6, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following joint resolution:

House joint resolution No. 51 (printed No. 15), entitled,

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a lighthouse at the mouth of Thunder Bay river, in the county of Alpena;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 6, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following joint resolution:

House joint resolution No. 48 (printed No. 12), entitled

Joint resolution to give immediate effect to a bill heretofore passed for purchase of books for State Library,

Which has passed the House by a two-thirds vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The rule requiring the second and third readings of bills to be on different days was suspended, and the joint resolution was placed upon its immediate passage.

The joint resolution was then passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morse,	Read,	Williams,
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Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Markey,	2
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Preamble and title agreed to.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Lansing, March 6, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate;

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring), that the Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint convention in Representative Hall, Thursday, March 8th, inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M., to consider nominations to be at that time submitted by the Governor;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. Tyler moved that the Senate take a recess until seven o'clock this evening.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, March 8, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilkins.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: Petition of G. W. Smith, Frank Clark and 20 other citizens of Ross, Kalamazoo county, asking for a law making a bushel of apples 47 pounds;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Petition of O. P. Morton, D. R. Rix and 30 other citizens of Oshtemo, Kalamazoo county, for the passage of a law providing for the education of young ladies at the Agricultural College;

Also,

Petition of Wm. Baker, Wm. Brooks and 23 other citizens of Ross, Kalamazoo county, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

By the same: Petition of C. Bonfoy, J. Hunt and 42 other citizens of Oshtemo, Kalamazoo county, praying that all railroads in this State be brought under the general railroad law, and to provide for uniform rates of freight;

Also,

Petition of David D. Henion, Andrew Sanck, and 21 others, citizens of Ross, Kalamazoo county, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on railroads.

By the same: Petition of A. Jones, C. Bonfoy, and 52 others, citizens of Oshtemo, Kalamazoo county, for the passage of a law restricting the rate of interest to seven per cent;

Also,

Petition of Geo. W. Hall, A. R. Day, and 16 others, citizens of the same place, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Remonstrance of A. Jones, D. R. Rix, and 58 others, citizens of Oshtemo, Kalamazoo county, against re-establishing the county school superintendency system;

Also,

Remonstrance of M. T. Merrill, Fayette Baker and 24 other citizens of same place, to the same effect;

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By Mr. Wilcox: Petition of L. Woodward and 76 others of Oakland county, asking for the enactment of a law changing the lawful rate of interest from ten to seven per cent;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Shoemaker: Petition of Emma Adams and 18 others, citizens of Jackson county, praying that the Legislature provide for the introduction of females as students in the Agricultural College;

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

By the same: Remonstrance of D. H. Ranney and 13 other citizens of Jackson county, against the re-establishment of county superintendents of schools;
Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By the same: Petition of John True, and 21 other citizens of Jackson county, praying for the passage of a law defining a bushel of apples to be forty-seven pounds;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Petition of A. J. Freeman, and 22 other citizens of Jackson county, who believing that the rate of interest on money loaned is too high compared with the savings of other investments, do, for the purpose of correcting this evil, pray for the passage of a stringent law restricting the rate of interest to seven per cent. per annum, and that any person accepting, directly or indirectly, any greater rate than seven per cent, shall forfeit the right to collection of both principal and interest;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By M. Tyler: Remonstrance of the common council of Bay City against repealing act No. 301 of the session laws of 1865, for the purpose of reducing the toll upon the Bay City, Watrousville & Vassar plank road;

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By the same: Remonstrance of J. H. Stevens, Beckwith, Comstock & Co., and 53 other citizens of the city of Alpena, against amending the charter of said city;

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

By Mr. Burleigh: Memorial of James Moore, Sen., praying that a better understanding may prevail between pioneers, so that they shall join hands and march on together to the sweet music of the Union;

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 20 (printed No. 41), entitled

A bill to prevent attorneys, counselors, agents, and the like, from becoming sureties in certain cases,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend act No. 103 of the laws of 1875, being "An act to amend section 28 of an act entitled 'An act to revise and consolidate the several acts relative to the support and maintenance of poor persons,'" approved April 5, 1869, being section 1843 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amend-

ment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred:

Senate bill No. 105, entitled

A bill to regulate the manner of electing trustees in Union School District No. (1) one of the city of Jackson,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,		
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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Shoemaker moved to amend the title as follows:

To regulate the time for holding the annual meeting and the manner of electing trustees in Union School District No. 1, of the city of Jackson;

Which motion prevailed.

The title, as amended, was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 181 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5674, relating courts and the powers and duties of certain judicial officers,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment,

and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 6 of chapter 65 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 4208 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to attorneys' fees in the foreclosure of mortgages,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 171 (printed No. 123), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Sheridan,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 12 and 15 of act No. 250 of the session laws of 1873, being an act to revise the charter of the city of Coldwater, being amendatory of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Coldwater, approved Feb. 28, 1861, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, approved April 18, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages :

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, and 34, of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Flint," approved March 20, 1867, and to add a new section thereto,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages :

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 131, entitled

A bill to revise the charter of the village of New Haven, Macomb county, being act No. 457 of the session laws of 1869,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages :

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 104 of an act entitled "An act to revise and amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages :

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 103, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Otisville, in the county of Genesee,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with a substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Otisville, in the county of Genesee,
 Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and do pass, and ask to
 be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill
 by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators
 elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Footo,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take
 immediate effect.

By the committee on agricultural interests:

The committee on agricultural interests, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 2163 of the compiled laws of 1871 relative to the en-
 couragement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and
 have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment,
 and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further con-
 sideration of the subject.

WILLIAM COOK, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and
 placed on the general order.

By the committee on printing:

The committee on printing, to whom was referred the following resolution:

Resolved, That 3,000 copies of the report of the Secretary and accompanying
 reports of the State board of the centennial managers be published together (in
 pamphlet form), and that 1,000 each of the Educational and Mineral reports be
 published separately,

Have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report that
 they have ascertained the cost of printing, binding, and paper for 3,000 copies
 of full centennial report will be about \$1,100; for 1,000 extra copies of the ed-
 ucational part of the report, about \$325; and for 1,000 copies of the mineral
 part of the report, about \$175.

For ordinary objects, your committee would hesitate to recommend such an
 expenditure; but an examination of this report shows it to contain so much val-

uable information, and establishes and places on record so many important facts that were illustrated by the splendid display of the fertility and resources of Michigan exhibited at the Centennial Exposition, proving the high position our State was officially recognized to have occupied in the great concourse of nationalities at Philadelphia, that we are unwilling such an amount of testimony to that effect should be buried out of sight. If the report be printed, your committee recommend that so much thereof as consists of extracts from the proceedings of the centennial board and of the State board of agriculture be omitted as unnecessary to elucidate the main features of value in the report.

The great exhibition of the centennial year of this republic is now a thing of the past, and your committee were unanimously of the opinion that there should be some record of Michigan's share in its triumphs, besides what may exist in the memory of those who witnessed it, and believing that the dissemination of the contents of this report will return to the State in a many hundred-fold degree the expense of its publication, have directed me to report the resolution back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. H. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 7, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 61, entitled

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Houghton county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to improve that portion of the L'Anse bay and State line State road lying between the eastern boundary line of the village of Houghton and the line dividing the counties of Houghton and Baraga,

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same by adding to end of Sec. 5 the following:

"*Provided further*, That a public notice shall be posted in three of the most public places in each township, at least six days previous to such meeting,"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Osborn moved that the Senate concur in the amendmends made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,
Andrus,

Mr. Wm. Cook,
Edsell,

Mr. Morse,
Nelson,

Mr. Read,
Redfield,

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,	
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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 7, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill 501 (printed No. 147), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Otsego Lake, in Otsego county, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of "Hayes,"

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 7, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to re-transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 77 (printed No. 37), entitled

A bill to detach township number 31 north, of range 5 west, from the present township of Central Lake, in the county of Antrim, and to attach the same to the township of Jordan, in said county,

Which the Senate amended by striking out in line 2 of section 1 the figures "(31)" and "(5),"

And to inform the Senate that in the said amendments the House has non-concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Adair moved that the Senate recede from its amendment.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The bill was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 7, 1877.

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 69, entitled

A bill to amend section 2, of act No. 374 of the session laws of 1869, approved March 30, 1869, as amended by act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, relating to the incorporation of the village of Portland, Ionia county;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 7, 1877.

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 143 (printed No. 67), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled "An act regulating the responsibility of the agents of insurance companies doing business in this State," approved April 12, 1871, being compiler's sections 7629 and 7630, compiled laws of 1871;

2. House bill No. 144 (printed No. 68), entitled

A bill to allow accident insurance companies to do business in this State;

3. House bill No. 166 (printed No. 73), entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 163 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4548, relative to publication of notices of sales by executors;

4. House bill No. 168 (printed No. 75), entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 167, being section 4706 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the filing of chattel mortgages;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first and second named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on insurance.

The third and fourth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Burch moved to take from the table the following:

Senate bill No. 115, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Cadillac, and repeal act No. 336 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 22, 1875;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The rules were suspended and the bill considered as if in committee of the whole.

Mr. Newcomb moved to amend the bill by striking out in line 3, of section 2, the word "three," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "two."

Mr. Morse moved to amend the amendment so that the word "one" should be inserted in lieu of "three."

Mr. Burleigh called for a division of the question.

The question first being upon striking out the word "three,"

The motion to strike out did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The rules were suspended and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			29

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Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	2
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Baxter moved to take from the table the following:

Senate joint resolution No. 3, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, Article IX., of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit court;

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The joint resolution was recommitted to the committee on constitutional amendments, with instructions to so amend the joint resolution that it will provide for limiting the number of judicial circuits.

Mr. Perrin moved to take from the table

A bill to amend section 7693 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to offenses against chastity, morality, or decency;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Williams moved to take from the table the following:

House bill No. 77 (printed No. 37), entitled

A bill to detach township number thirty-one (31) north of range number five (5) west from the present township of Central Lake, in the county of Antrim, and to attach the same to the township of Jordan in said county;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the motion to recede from the amendment made to the bill by the Senate, striking out in line 2 of section 1 of the bill the figures "(31)" and "(5)."

The motion to recede prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Read,	Williams, 24

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Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Edsell,	3
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Pending the announcement of the vote,

Mr. Morse moved that Mr. Burleigh be excused from voting;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Baxter moved to take from the table the following:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the Auditor General be, and he is hereby requested to make a thorough and careful investigation under the provisions of act No. 138, of the session laws of 1855, entitled "An act to authorize the Michigan Southern Railroad Company to consolidate with the Northern Indiana Railroad Company," to ascertain whether the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company have other, or further stock, property, or loans, properly subject to taxation under the said act, than such as has been by them reported for the purpose, and if, on such inquiry he shall be satisfied that such company is, under said act, subject to other or further taxation than such as has heretofore been paid, that he impose such taxes, and if said company shall feel aggrieved by such additional taxation and carry the matter into the courts, that such additional taxation shall not be abandoned by the State, unless upon an adverse decision by the Supreme Court of the State..

Which motion prevailed.

The question being upon the adoption of the resolution,

The same was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Mr. Freeman asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Breitung for the afternoon on account of sickness.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Adair: Remonstrance of Witbeck, Chittenden & Co. and Lyon & Porter, proprietors of the Russell House and Michigan Exchange hotel of the city of Detroit, against the passage of House bill No. 91, entitled a bill for the protection of guests of hotels from danger by fire.

Mr. Adair moved that the remonstrance be printed at length on the journal; Which motion prevailed.

The following is the remonstrance:

To the Honorable the Senate of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned respectfully remonstrate against the passage of the bill now pending before your honorable body, requiring proprietors of hotels to place and keep in every room above the second story of the hotels a coil of rope for use as a fire escape. Your remonstrants show that the provisions of said bill in that behalf will not meet the expectations of its originators, and will not increase the safety of guests in case of fire, and for the following reasons, to-wit:

First. In cities all hotels capable of accommodating a large number of guests, are so constructed that the windows of very many of their rooms open upon enclosed courts, from which persons unacquainted with the locality would not be able to escape.

Secondly. Hotels of the class above mentioned, are amply provided with stairways leading from the lower to the upper floors. For example the Russell House and Michigan Exchange of Detroit, are provided each with seven stairways. Moreover, a night watchman, porters, and night clerk are always kept in such hotels, and by their aid, even the most terrified could be readily directed to a way of escape.

Thirdly. Your remonstrants further show that not one guest in one thousand would attempt the mode of escape contemplated by said bill; and of those so attempting, it is safe to predict that through haste caused by fright, and on account of their want of experience in descending from great heights while clinging to ropes, they would be in greater danger than they could possibly encounter while seeking safety by means of the regular exits.

Lastly. Your remonstrants submit that the constant presence of such a coil of rope in the room of a guest will be not only a source of annoyance to the sight, but will also be perpetually suggestive of dangers which do not exist, and will thus disturb rather than increase the confidence of the traveling public.

LYON & PORTER,

Proprietors Michigan Exchange Hotel.

WITBECK, CHITTENDEN & CO.,

Proprietors Russell House.

The remonstrance was referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Foote: Remonstrance of George N. English, Supervisor, and 31 other residents of the town of Sheridan, in the county of Clare, against detaching any portion of said township, and against House bill to organize the township of "Hayes," in the county of Clare;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on cities and villages:}

The committee on cities and villages to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 1 and 3 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate

the city of Negaunee, in Marquette county," being act 240 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 11th, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7960 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to trials in criminal cases,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 8, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 17, (printed No. 149) entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Burt, in the county of Cheboygan, and organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of Nunda,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced a committee from the House, who informed the Senate that the House would be in readiness to receive the Senate in joint convention to hear and act upon any nominations the Governor may be pleased to make, at half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 117, entitled

A bill to provide for the collection of damages sustained by reason of defective

bridges, culverts, sidewalks, or crosswalks upon the public streets of incorporated cities and villages,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Read,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morse,		

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Mr. Burch,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Shoemaker,
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 83, entitled

A bill to provide a contingent fund for certain township purposes;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Osborn,
Baxter,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,
Burleigh,	Edsell,	Morse,	Rankin,
Burch,	Foote,	Nelson,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Williams,

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Wilcox,
Markey,			

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 123, entitled

A bill to re-organize the first and fourth judicial circuits, and to create the 22d judicial circuit;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Newcomb moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

The hour of half past 2 o'clock having arrived,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, to meet the House in joint convention.

[For proceedings of joint convention, see House journal.]

The Senate returned to the Senate chamber, and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

The President announced that the Senate had met the House in joint convention, and had advised and consented to the following nominations made by the Governor:

For Adjutant General, John Robertson; for Quartermaster General, Solomon S. Mathews; for Inspector General, Lewis W. Heath; for Trustee of the Michigan Institution for Educating the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind, for the term of six years from the second Tuesday of February, 1877, Charles G.

Johnson; for Trustee of the Michigan Institution for Educating the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind, for the unexpired term of Irving D. Hanscomb, resigned, to wit: until the second Tuesday of February, 1879, James M. Nea-smith.

The Senate then resumed business under the order of

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 1 (printed No. 55), entitled

A bill to facilitate the organization of mutual benefit and coöperative associations within this State,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Footo,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Jenney,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Read,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,		

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 118, entitled

A bill to amend act number 123 of the session laws of 1873, the same being an act to amend act number 154 of the session laws of 1871, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts and in the district court of the Upper Peninsula," approved March 16, 1861, being sections 6465 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Footo,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	Morse,		

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Title agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The President announced that the hour of three o'clock had arrived, the time fixed by resolution of the Senate for the consideration of

Senate joint resolution No. 7, entitled

Joint resolution providing for the payment of the balances due on certain adjudicated claims.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Andrus in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 7, entitled

Joint resolution providing for the payment of the balance due on certain adjudicated claims;

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate, and ask leave to sit again.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee granted leave to sit again for the consideration of the joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, March 9, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bangs.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senator Breitung.

Mr. Freeman asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence for Mr. Breitung on account of sickness.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: Petition of P. D. Miller, I. W. Pursell, and 30 other citizens of Kalamazoo county, praying for the assessment of bank stock to the owner in the township, city, or village where the owner resides;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Burch: Petition of A. M. Mitchell, Charles M. Ayer, and 50 other residents of Wexford county, in favor of a new judicial circuit;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Tyler: Petition of Wm. Renther, and 72 other citizens of Bay Co., asking the Legislature to memorialize Congress for an appropriation of money to build a harbor at the mouth of Pine River, on Saginaw Bay, Bay county, Michigan;

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Jenney: Petition of 75 citizens of Memphis, Macomb county, for the enactment of a law that shall be just and equitable in its provisions to all persons engaged or interested in the liquor traffic;

Also,

Petition of Wm. Van Inwagen and 37 other citizens of Richmond, Macomb county, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Burleigh: Petition of 24 tax-payers of Ingham county, being those citizens comprising the panel of jurors for the February term of the circuit court of said county, praying that the joint resolution to increase the salaries of circuit judges do pass;

Referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 75 (printed No. 26), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Livingston, in the county of Otsego, and to organize the same into a separate township to be known as the township of Corwith;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foots,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,			

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 501 (printed No. 147), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Otsego Lake, in Otsego county, and to organize the same into a separate township to be known as the township of "Hayes,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committees on State capitol and public buildings and appropriations and finance, jointly, to whom was referred

A bill making an appropriation for furnishing the new State capitol,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN,

Chairman of committee on State capitol and public buildings.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman of committee on appropriations and finance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committees on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly, to whom was referred

A bill making an appropriation for completing the new State capitol, and for the electrician work for said building,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN,

Chairman of committee on State capitol and public buildings.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman of committee on appropriations and finance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 31 of an act entitled an act to amend sections 26, 31, and 87 of an act entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of the taxes thereon,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend sections 70 and 93 of an act entitled "An act to provide a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon," approved Feb. 25, 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

Certain petitions from the city of Saginaw asking an amendment of the law relative to the election of members of the board of education,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that they be referred to the committee on the judiciary, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The petitions were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for a better organization of school libraries,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 4822 and 4830 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to guardians and wards,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 4582 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to sales by executors,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to repeal an act to establish a uniformity of text-books in the public schools of Berrien county, being act No. 375, approved April 19, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Houghton county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to improve that portion of the L'Anse bay and State line road, lying between the western boundary line of the village of Houghton and the line dividing the counties of Houghton and Baraga;

Also,

A bill to amend section 2, of act No. 374, of the session laws of 1869, ap-

proved March 30, 1869, as amended by act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, relating to the incorporation of the village of Portland, Ionia county.

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on agricultural interests:

The committee on agricultural interests, to whom was referred

A bill authorizing the giving of premiums by agricultural and other societies for the running and trotting of horses at fairs and regular meetings,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILLIAM COOK, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance:

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

A bill making an appropriation for the support of the State Public School, and providing for the construction of buildings, and for making other improvements to that institution,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced three messages from the Governor upon Executive business.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The messages were referred to the committee on Executive business.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 8, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 99, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Laingsburg;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all

the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lausling, March 8, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

House bill No. 126 (printed No. 71), entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 239, being section 7443 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of certain officers in civil cases;

House bill No. 223, (printed No. 110) entitled

A bill to amend section 27, chapter 170, being compiler's section 4759 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the enforcement of decrees for alimony in divorce cases;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Newcomb moved that the rule requiring a motion to reconsider a vote to be made within two days after the taking thereof be suspended, and that the vote by which

Senate bill No. 47, entitled

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Blissfield, in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan,

Was ordered to take immediate effect, be reconsidered;

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

The question being on the motion to order the bill to take immediate effect,

The motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor.

Mr. Edsell moved that the rules be suspended and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 44, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the village of Wayland," approved March 30, A. D. 1869, and to add a new section thereto, to stand as section 47;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	Morse,		

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Edsell moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend section 1, of act No. 336, of session laws of 1869, entitled

“An act to revise the charter of the village of Wayland.”

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Freeman moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 170 (printed No. 97), entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 23 of act No. 215, laws of 1873, entitled “An act to incorporate the village of Howard City,” approved March 14, 1873.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to take from the table the following:

Senate bill No. 123, entitled

A bill to re-organize the first and fourth judicial circuits, and to create the twenty-second judicial circuit.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its pas-

sage, it was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Burleigh, Burch, Wm. Cook, Foote,	Mr. Freeman, Hinchman, Jenney, Markey, McElroy,	Mr. Morse, Nelson, Osborn, Redfield,	Mr. Shoemaker, Tyler, Wilcox, Williams,	18.
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Mr. Baxter, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook,	Mr. Edsell, Morgan, Newcomb,	Mr. Packard, Rankin,	Mr. Read, Waterbury,	10
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. McElroy moved to take from the table the following :

A bill to amend section 1 of act number 197 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to amend section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the salaries of judges of probate." And also, to amend section 2 of act number 140 of the session laws of the year 1873, entitled "An act to amend sections 2 and 8 of an act entitled 'An act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1846, being chapter 175, [239] of the compiled laws of 1871, and to authorize the salaries of judges of probate,' approved February 15, 1859, being sections 7436 and 7469, of the compiled laws of 1871. And also to amend section 7437, chapter 2339, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the salaries of judges of probate.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Jenney moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No 131, entitled

A bill to revise the charter of the village of New Haven, Macomb county, being act No. 457 of the session laws of 1869;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Baxter, Burleigh, Burch, Chamberlain,	Mr. Edsell, Foote, Freeman, Hinchman, Jenney, Markey,	Mr. Morgan, Morse, Nelson, Newcomb, Osborn, Packard,	Mr. Rankin, Redfield, Shoemaker, Taylor, Tyler, Waterbury,
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Mr. D. R. Cook, Mr. McElroy, • Mr. Perrin, Mr. Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. McElroy moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 98 (printed No. 59), entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Port Huron to refund certain taxes illegally assessed and collected for the purpose of constructing sewers in said city.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,			

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Burch moved that the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the House to return to the Senate

House bill No. 117 (printed No. 121), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to detach certain territory from the townships of Manistee and Stronach, in the county of Manistee, and to organize such territory so detached into a township by the name of Filer, and to legalize certain action taken thereon:"

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: Petition of John Schroder, Wm. Bloss, and 131 other citizens of Kalamazoo county, for a stringent law fixing the rate of interest at seven per cent.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 214, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Wyandotte;"

2. House bill No. 259, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Holland;

3. House bill No. 381, entitled

A bill to repeal section 9 of Article 12 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Imlay City, in Lapeer county," approved April 4th, 1873, as amended by act No. 323 of the session laws of 1875.

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first and second named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
Edsell,			

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills :

1. House bill No. 307 (printed No. 148), entitled

A bill to change the name of the township of Sable, in Iosco, county to Au Sable ;

2. House bill No. 273 (printed No. 151), entitled

A bill to amend compiler's section 3057, being section 4 of chapter 108, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the notice of the election of trustees of religious societies ;

3. House bill No. 188 (printed No. 184), entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Ada, in the county of Kent, to raise money to purchase the "Ada Bridge" across Grand River, in said township ;

4. House bill No. 324 (printed No. 175), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Vassar, subject to the provisions of act No. 62, of the session laws of 1875, entitled an act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages, approved April 1, 1875,

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on religious and benevolent societies.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The fourth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bills :

1. Senate bill No. 98, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Monroe to raise money for the erection and maintenance of water-works ;

2. Senate bill No. 68, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 5 of act number 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages ;"

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Packard moved that the committee on cities and villages be directed to report to the Senate forthwith

House bill No. 76 (printed No. 126), entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Dowagiac.

Which motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the committee on cities and villages submitted the following report:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 76 (printed No. 126), entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Dowagiac,

Respectfully report the same back to the Senate, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate joint resolution No. 1, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 12, of Article VI., of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to appointment of clerk of the Supreme Court,

Was read a third time and not passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Foots,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Hinchman,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Redfield,
Burch,	Jenney,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,

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Mr. Perrin moved that rule 46 declaring that no question shall be reconsidered more than once be suspended, and to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the joint resolution;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution,

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole, on the special order,

Mr. Newcomb in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following joint resolution :

Senate joint resolution No. 7, entitled

Joint resolution providing for the payment of the balance due on certain adjudicated claims ;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was placed on the order of the third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, March 10, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cook.

Roll called : a quorum present.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bills to the Governor under the rules :

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Houghton county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to improve that portion of the L'Anse bay and State line State road, lying between the western boundary line of the village of Houghton and the line dividing the counties of Houghton and Baraga ;
Also,

A bill to amend section 2, of act No. 374, of the session laws of 1869, approved March 30, 1869, as amended by act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, relating to the incorporation of the village of Portland, Ionia county.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Nelson : Petition of Charles S. Calkins, J. C. Glover and 10 other citizens, settlers and purchasers of railroad lands of Muskegon county, asking for the passage of a law confirming the titles to said described lands and ratifying the action of the Board of Control heretofore taken in regard thereto ;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. Perrin : Petition of J. J. Wiseman, John Bay and 30 other citizens of Ottawa county, asking for the passage of a law confirming the title to certain railroad lands in said county, and to ratify the action of the Board of Control heretofore taken thereto ;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. Tyler : Remonstrance of S. V. Thomas and 60 other citizens of

Ogemaw county, against appropriating swamp lands to aid in constructing railroads;

Referred to the committee on public lands.

By the same: Remonstrance of William Fox and 37 other citizens of Bay county, against the passage of any law prohibiting running deer with dogs;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Burleigh: Petition of George Greenville and 54 tax-payers of the city of Ann Arbor, praying for the passage of House bill No. 113, entitled "A bill to regulate the sale of medicines and poisons;"

Referred to the committee on public health.

By Mr. Burch: Petition of Nelson Ferguson and 15 other citizens of Osceola county, in favor of a new judicial circuit;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Morgan: Petition of A. C. Fisk, John F. Button, Frank L. Skeels and others, of Coldwater, asking for such change in the law as will afford protection to proprietors of stallions;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of State property, and define his powers and duties and fix his compensation,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 9 of chapter 55 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1992, relative to gaming,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on supplies and miscellaneous expenses of the Senate:

The committee on supplies and miscellaneous expenses of the Senate, report the following bills:

F. C. Carr, Feb. 13, '77.....	\$3 15
F. C. Carr, March 2, '77.....	3 95
J. B. Bisbee, Jan. 2, 1877.....	5 15
E. F. Cooley, Feb. 5, 1877.....	15 40

For labor done and material furnished under direction of the Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, which they have had under consideration, and

directed me to report the same to the Senate, and recommend their allowance, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the Secretary was instructed to certify the bills for payment.

By the committee on State Public School:

The committee on State Public School, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 11 of an act entitled "An act to establish a State Public School for dependent and neglected children," approved April 17, 1871, and to add one new section to said act, as amended by act No. 144 of 1875, to be known as section 23,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. CHAMBERLAIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on public health:

The committee on public health, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the State Board of Agriculture to provide for obtaining at the State Agricultural College bovine virus for the use of the practicing physicians of the State,

Would respectfully report that they have the same under consideration, and in the investigation of this subject, have arrived at the following conclusions, to-wit: that to supply a sufficient quantity of virus from the above source, which should at all times be fresh and reliable, would be to incur an expense to the State of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year. This, if sold or attempted to be sold to the physicians of the State at cost, as contemplated by the provisions of the bill, would render its cost to them at least five times as much as it can now be procured for.

From the most reliable information your committee have been able to obtain, they are of the opinion that at a cost of \$500 or \$600 a year an adequate supply of virus could be obtained from parties who make its propagation a special business. And your committee are further of the opinion that suitable provision might be made by the State Board of Health of this State to supply, when required, such virus, or provide an agency through which it may be procured, thus meeting the demand at less cost, and which would in all respects be equally satisfactory.

Your committee therefore have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. H. OSBORN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,
The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred
House bill No. 307 (printed No. 148), entitled

A bill to change the name of the township of Sable, in Iosco county, to Au Sable,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 324 (printed No. 175), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Vassar, subject to the provisions of act No. 62, of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages," approved April 1, 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The rules were suspended and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committee on State capitol and public buildings, and appropriations and finance, jointly, to whom was referred

A bill making an appropriation for improvement of the grounds surrounding the new State Capitol and furnishing the Legislative halls, the State Library, and the Supreme Court room therein,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN,

Chairman Com. on State Capitol and Public Buildings.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman Com. on Appropriations and Finance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to incorporate the village of Laingsburg;

Also,

A bill to amend section sixteen, of chapter two hundred and thirteen of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled, "The action of replevin;"

Also,

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery;

Also,

A bill to change the name of Mark Anthony Greer to John Anthony Gordon;

Also,

A bill to amend section four of act 217 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to revise and amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor," approved March 23d, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18th, 1871, approved March 18th, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drink;

Also,

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands sold for taxes and unredeemed by the Auditor General;

Also,

A bill to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849;

Also,

A bill to amend section 254 of the compiled laws, being an act to establish the rate of fees to be charged by the Auditor General for furnishing transcripts, lists, abstracts, and certificates;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 18, 23, and 27, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875;

Also,

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6443, entitled "Proceedings against garnishees;"

Also,

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Jackson to transfer certain money from the fire department fund to the sinking fund of said city;

Also,

A bill to provide an appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan for the years 1877 and 1878;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 2, 9, 10, and 11, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Blissfield, in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan," approved March 24, 1875;

Also,

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain State school lands in Osceola county to James Sims, at the original price and upon the original terms provided by law for the sale of the same;

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, Jr., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bills and joint resolution to the Governor, under the rules:

A bill to incorporate the village of Laingsburg;

Also,

A bill to amend section sixteen, of chapter two hundred and thirteen of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "The action of replevin;"

Also,

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery;

Also,

A bill to change the name of Mark Anthony Greer to John Anthony Gordon;

Also,

A bill to amend section four of act 217 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to revise and amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor," approved March 23d, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18th, 1871, approved March 18th, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drink;

Also,

A bill to provide for the making of abstracts of lands sold for taxes and unredeemed by the Auditor General;

Also,

A bill to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849;

Also,

A bill to amend section 254 of the compiled laws, being an act to establish the rate of fees to be charged by the Auditor General for furnishing transcripts, lists, abstracts and certificates;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 18, 23, and 27, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875;

Also,

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6443, entitled "Proceedings against garnishees;"

Also,

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Jackson to transfer certain money from the fire department fund to the sinking fund of said city;

Also,

A bill to provide an appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan for the years 1877 and 1878;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 2, 9, 10, and 11, of an act entitled "An act to in-

corporate the village of Blissfield, in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan," approved March 24, 1875;

Also,

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain State school lands in Osceola county to Jas. Sims, at the original price and upon the original terms provided by law for the sale of the same.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 9, 1877. }

To the Senate :

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to change the name of Mark Anthony Greer to John Anthony Gordon ;

An act to amend section 57 of chapter 176, being section 5093 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 186 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, relative to the courts of chancery ;

An act to amend section 4 of act 217 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to revise and amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor," approved March 23d, 1867, and also an act amendatory thereto, approved March 18th, 1871, approved March 18th, 1873, in relation to a license tax for keeping a victualing house, saloon, or other place for furnishing meals, food, or drink ;

An act to amend section 16 of chapter 213 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "The action of replevin ;"

An act to amend section 7492 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 1 of an act entitled "An act providing for the payment of the fees of certain officers for services rendered in criminal cases," approved April 2, 1849 ;

An act to amend section five of chapter two hundred and two of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6443, entitled "Proceedings against garnishees ;"

An act to authorize the transfer of certain moneys from the fire department fund of the city of Jackson to the sinking fund of said city ;

An act to provide for the making of abstracts of lands, sold for taxes and unredeemed, by the Auditor General ;

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain State school lands in Osceola county to James Sims, at the original price and upon the original terms provided by law for the sale of the same ;

An act to provide an appropriation for the benefit of the Pioneer Society of the State of Michigan, for the years 1877 and 1878 ;

An act to incorporate the village of Laingsburg.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Osborn moved that the rules be suspended and that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 130, entitled

A bill providing for two voting precincts for the township of Calumet, in the county of Houghton, defining the limits thereof, providing for a new registra-

tion of the voters thereof, and determining who shall be inspectors of election therein ;

Which motion prevailed,

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to take from the table

A bill to establish a bureau of statistics and immigration, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to promote immigration to Michigan," approved April 3, 1869 ;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Perrin moved to take from the table the following :

Senate joint resolution No. 1, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 12, of Article VI., of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to appointment of Clerk of the Supreme Court ;

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, it was then passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	
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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Hinchman,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Shoemaker,
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Title agreed to.

The following is the joint resolution :

JOINT RESOLUTION to amend section 12 of Art. VI. of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to the appointment of clerk of the Supreme Court.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment to the Constitution of this State be and the same is hereby proposed to stand as section 12 of Article VI. :

SECTION 12. The justices of the Supreme Court shall appoint the clerk of said court; and the clerk of each county, organized for judicial purposes, shall be clerk of the circuit court of such county.

Be it further resolved, That said constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the people of this State at the annual election to be held on the first Monday in April, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight; and the Secretary of State is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties of this State in the same manner that he is now required to do in case of an election of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, and the inspectors of election in the several townships and cities in this State shall prepare a suitable box for the reception of ballots cast for or against said amendment. Each person voting for said amendment shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, on his ballot, the words, "Amendment relative to appointment of clerk of the Supreme Court,—Yes;" and each person voting against such amendment the words "Amendment relative to appointment of clerk of the Supreme Court,—No." The ballots shall in all respects be canvassed, and returns be made as in elections of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate joint resolution No. 7, entitled

Joint resolution providing for the payment of the balance due on certain adjudicated claims;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Burch moved that the same be recommitted to the committee on claims and public accounts;

Which motion prevailed.

House bill No. 307 (printed No. 148), entitled

A bill to change the name of the township of Sable, in Iosco county, to Au Sable;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,		31

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 324 (printed No. 175), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Vassar, subject to the provisions of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages," approved April 1, 1875,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	28

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Chamberlain in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

House bill No. 76, (printed No. 126), entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Dowagiac;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

W. CHAMBERLAIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Read asked and obtained leave of absence for himself until Monday afternoon.

Mr. Rankin asked and obtained leave of absence for himself until Monday afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The Senate took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President *pro tem.*

Roll called: a quorum present.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President *pro tem.* announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 10, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to re-transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 117 (G. O. No. 121), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled “An act to detach certain territory from the townships of Manistee and Stronach in the county of Manistee, and to organize such territory so detached into a township by the name of Filer,” and to legalize certain action taken thereunder.

In accordance with a request of the Senate for the same.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was laid on the table.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Osborn moved that the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the House to return to the Senate

House bill No. 152, entitled

A bill to organize the townships of Spalding, Breen, Breitung, Stephenson, and Holmes, and to re-organize the townships of Cedarville, Ingallston, and Menominee, in the county of Menominee ;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Burch moved to take from the table the following :

House bill No. 117 (printed No. 121), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled “An act to detach certain territory from the townships of Manistee and Stronach, in the county of Manistee, and to organize such territory so detached into a township by the name of Filer,” and to legalize certain action taken thereunder ;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Burch moved that Rule 46, requiring a motion to reconsider a vote to be made within two days after the taking thereof, be suspended, and to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed ;

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on counties and townships.

Mr. Baxter offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the House concurring), That no special charters, or general revision of charters of cities or villages which have not already passed the Senate or House, or been favorably reported by the committee on cities and villages of the Senate, or the committee on municipal corporations of the House, shall hereafter be considered ; and the committee on cities and villages of the Senate, and the committee on municipal corporations of the House, are hereby instructed in all such cases still before them, or which may hereafter come before them for action, to report such bills back adversely, or with substitutes

incorporating such cities or villages under the general laws, as in their discretion shall seem best;

Which was adopted.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 76 (printed No. 126), entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Dowagiac,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word "at," in line 10 of Sec. 4, the word "the;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the word "may," in line 11 of Sec. 4, and inserting "shall" in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McElroy, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the words "at the expiration of the term," in line 1, Sec. 16;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McElroy, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the word "thereof," in line 2, Sec. 16;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Osborn, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the word "of" in line 3, section 69, and inserting "or" in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baxter, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the word "retain" in line 4, section 65, and inserting "return" in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the words "to be drunk" in line 16, section 66, and inserting "away of" in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by inserting after the word "depositing" in line 50, section 66, the words "within the city;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Andrus, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the word "said," in line 1 of section 65, and inserting "same" in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by adding the letter "s" to the word "justice," in line 1, section 67;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baxter, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out the words "of the sale," in line 46, section 66;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baxter, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further

amend the bill by inserting in line 3, section 69, after the word "provisions," the word "of;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by adding "s" to the word "provision" in line 2 of section 74.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Andrus, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out of the nineteenth subdivision of section 66 after the word "limits."

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams, 24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Wilcox in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 124, entitled

A bill to re-organize the thirteenth, nineteenth, and twenty-first judicial circuits, and to create the twenty-third circuit;

2. Senate bill No. 125, entitled

A bill to re-organize the 18th judicial circuit, and create the 22d judicial Circuit;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

E. R. WILCOX, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the two named bill by the committee, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate went into executive session, the time being 4:15 P. M.

The executive session closed at 4:25 P. M.

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

The rules were suspended, and the Senate took up business under the order of

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President *pro tem.* announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 10, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to re-transmit to the Senate the following bill:

Substitute for House bill No. 131, entitled

A bill to revise the charter of the village of New Haven, Macomb county, being act No. 457 of the session laws of 1869;

Which the Senate amended as follows:

1st. By inserting after the word "enact" with enacting clause, the following: That section one of act No. 457 of the session laws of 1869, approved April 5, 1869, being an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of New Haven, in the county of Macomb, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows;

2d. By striking out of line 20, section 1, the words "the said westerly line of;"

3d. By striking out of line 18, section 1, the words "westerly line" and inserting the word "centre" in lieu thereof;

4th. By striking out all of section 3 after the word "qualified," in line 2;

5th. By striking out the word "an," in line 1 of section 5, and inserting after the word "act" the words "number sixty-two of the session laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine;"

And now to inform the Senate that in the said amendments the House have non-concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Jenney moved that the Senate recede from the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	McElroy,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Foote,	Nelson,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Packard,	23

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Mr. Jenney moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. McElroy moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to reincorporate the village of New Haven, in Macomb county, under act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages," approved April 1, 1875;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

The President *pro tem.* also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 10, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 37 (printed No. 25), entitled

A bill to prohibit the sale of goods and merchandise in sealed packages ;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect,
and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The President *pro tem.* also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 9, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills :

House bill No. 55 (printed No. 51), entitled

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the State Normal School ;

House bill No. 450 (printed No. 143), entitled

A bill to authorize the town board of the township of Byron, in the county of Kent, to lease the upper story of the town hall of said township to Halcyon Lodge, No. 244, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows ;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committees on Normal School and appropriations and finance, jointly.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, March 12, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ashworth.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senators Adair, Burleigh, Edsell, Taylor and Tyler.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for all the absent Senators for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of Charles H. Richardson and others, purchasers and settlers on railroad lands in Ionia and Kent counties, asking for the passage of a law confirming the titles to said described lands and ratifying the action of the Board of Control heretofore taken in regard thereto;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on public lands;

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred

A joint resolution, authorizing the board of State auditors of this State to discharge from record a certain indenture of mortgage executed by Edmond H. Hazleton, Clarinda B. Hazleton, and George M. Dewey, to the People of the State of Michigan, and dated January 4th, 1860;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN C. WATERBURY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to repeal section 107 of chapter 136 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 3667,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend sections 1 and 3 of an act entitled "An act for the protection of land, and to punish the cutting and carrying away of timber therefrom," ap-

proved March 27, 1867, being compiler's sections 7612 and 7614 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, and 3 of an act entitled "An act for the protection of land, and to punish the cutting and carrying away of timber therefrom," approved March 27, 1867, being compiler's sections 7612, 7613, and 7614 of the compiled laws of 1871;

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 7448 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the costs of proceedings in criminal cases,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on Agricultural College and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committees on Agricultural College and appropriations and finance, to whom jointly was referred

A bill making appropriations for the support of the State Agricultural College, to pay the expenses of the State Board of Agriculture, to erect a new hall, and for repairs and other improvements at the State Agricultural College,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR.,

Chairman Committee on Agricultural College.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman Committee on Appropriations and Finance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on agricultural interests :

The committee on agricultural interests, to whom was referred

Certain petitions asking that the privileges of the Agricultural College may be extended to both sexes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that they be referred to the committee on Agricultural College, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILLIAM COOK, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The petitions were referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

By the committees on the asylum for the deaf, dumb, and the blind, and appropriations and finance, jointly :

The committees on the institution for educating the deaf and dumb, and the blind, and appropriations and finance, jointly, to whom was referred

A bill making appropriations for the institution for educating the deaf and dumb and the blind, for the years 1877 and 1878,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. O. PACKARD,

Ch'n of Com. on Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman of Committee on Appropriations and Finance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Prison :

The committee on State Prison, to whom was referred the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Section 41 of "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State Prison and the government and discipline thereof, and to repeal all acts inconsistent therewith," approved May 3, 1875, provides that "the inspectors shall allow each convict who has performed in a faithful, orderly, and peaceful manner, all the duties assigned to him, and who has become entitled to a deduction from his sentence as aforesaid from time to time, as they may judge best, five per cent. of the value of each days' labor actually performed by such convict, to be computed on the average rate per day paid by contractors for convict labor in the prison, and the inspectors may cause such earnings to be paid either to the family of the convict, or applied to his benefit in such manner, in such sums, and at such times as they may think proper ;

And whereas, A large sum of money will be drawn from the State Treasury by the operation of this section of said act ;

And whereas, It is proposed to adopt substantially the same provision in an act "to regulate and govern the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia," and therefore it is important to ascertain as near as may be what is, and will be, the amount drawn from the State Treasury under said section ; therefore

Resolved, That the committee on State prison be and they are hereby in-

structed to ascertain, by inquiry of the warden of the State prison, and otherwise, as to them may seem best, and to report to the Senate the amount, as near as may be, which will be drawn from the State Treasury or paid by that institution under the provisions of the above recited section, and that inquiry shall not only cover the present working of said section, but also the probable amount to be paid when the same shall come into full force by having been a law for the average length of the sentences of convicts;

Respectfully report that in compliance with the instructions therein contained they at once applied to the warden of the State prison for the desired information, to which the accompanying reply has been received and is herewith attached to this report, and recommend that the same be referred to the committee on finance and appropriations, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILLIAM COOK, *Chairman.*

The following is the letter referred to in the above report :

MICHIGAN STATE PRISON, }
Jackson, March 8, 1877. }

HON. WILLIAM COOK, *Chairman of the Senate Committee on State Prison, Lansing, Mich. :*

SIR:—Yours of yesterday, transmitting and asking an early reply to a Senate resolution of inquiry in regard to the amount liable to be required to pay the obligations which may accrue under the 5 per cent clause of section 41, of act No. 213, laws of 1875, is at hand. The resolution and preamble read as follows :

“Whereas, Section 41 of ‘An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State Prison and the government and discipline thereof, and to repeal all acts inconsistent therewith,’ approved May 3, 1875, provides that ‘the inspectors shall allow each convict who has performed in a faithful, orderly, and peaceful manner, all the duties assigned to him, and who has become entitled to a deduction from his sentence as aforesaid from time to time, as they may judge best, five per cent of the value of each day’s labor actually performed by such convict, to be computed on the average rate per day paid by contractors for convict labor in the prison, and the inspectors may cause such earnings to be paid either to the family of the convict, or applied to his benefit in such manner, in such sums, and at such times as they may think proper;’

And whereas, A large sum of money will be drawn from the State Treasury by the operation of this section of said act;

“And whereas, It is proposed to adopt substantially the same provision in an act ‘to regulate and govern the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia,’ and therefore it is important to ascertain as near as may be what is, and will be, the amount drawn from the State Treasury under said section; therefore

“Resolved, That the committee of State prison be and they are hereby instructed to ascertain, by inquiry of the warden of the State prison, and otherwise, as to them may seem best, and report to the Senate the amount, as near as may be, which will be drawn from the State Treasury or paid by that institution under the provisions of the above recited section, and that inquiry shall not only cover the present working of said section, but also the probable amount to be paid when the same shall come into full force by having been a law for the average length of the sentence of convicts.”

It cannot be definitely stated what amount will be required from year to year to make the payments to convicts under the present percentage law. The percentage being *computed upon the average price of contract labor* will vary in amount with the average price of such labor. Then by continued misconduct the convict may forfeit the full amount of percentage which through good conduct he might have earned.

Leaving out the above contingencies, and assuming that the average price of contract labor will remain as at present, and also that each convict will save his percentage, the following is perhaps as reliable an estimate of the annual cost to the prison or State as can be reached :

During the twelve months ending September 30, 1876, 364 were committed to this prison, 361 of the commitments were for terms of years, and the aggregate of the sentences is 1,169 years, giving for an average length of *sentence* 3.24 years. But by good conduct the 361 convicts *may* make 239 years 9½ months of good time, or serve out their aggregate terms by 930 5-24 years of service, or by an average of 2.57 years. The percentage amounts to \$9.75 per year, or for 2.57 years to \$25.06, and under the conditions above, this is the average amount of percentage that will be paid to each of these convicts to the date of their discharge. If we continue to discharge at the rate of 300 convicts per annum the amount per year will be \$7,500.00.

As being within the spirit of the resolution, though not covered by its terms, I call your attention to another provision of the law of 1875, found in section 57 thereof, wherein the gratuity to and clothing of discharged convicts is provided for. Combining these sums with the percentage, and the cost of discharging convicts will appear :

Percentage, as above, to each.....	\$25 00
Gratuity under section 57—say.....	5 00
Suits of clothing—average.....	10 00

Giving for total cost of discharging each convict..... \$40 00

And for discharging 300, \$12,000.00.

Very respectfully,

WM. HUMPHREY.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The resolution and letter of the warden were referred to the committees on appropriations and finance, State Prison, and State House of Correction, jointly.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 124, entitled

A bill to re-organize the thirteenth, nineteenth, and twenty-first judicial circuits, and to create the twenty-third circuit,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Baxter moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

Senate bill No. 125, entitled

A bill to re-organize the eighteenth judicial circuit, and create the twenty-second judicial circuit,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Williams moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,
Mr. Freeman in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 26, entitled

A bill to provide for a uniformity of text books in primary and graded schools,
Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that its further consideration be made the special order for some future day.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 63, entitled

A bill to reorganize and provide for a State Board of Equalization;
Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 60, entitled

A bill to provide for the safety of persons attending public assemblies.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend that the bill be re-printed and do pass.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. House bill No. 49 (printed No. 18), entitled

A bill to amend sections 23 and 42 of an act to incorporate the village of Hancock, the same being act No. 274 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Hancock," approved March 19, 1875.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 8, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 15 of Article XVIII. of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to a general revision of the laws,

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The fourth named bill and the joint resolution were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the first named bill, and the further consideration of the same was made the special order for Thursday, March 15, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the second named bill, and the same was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to

the third named bill, and the same was ordered reprinted and placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Perrin : Petition of Daniel O'Connell, and 13 others, citizens, settlers and purchasers of railroad lands in Ottawa county, asking for the passage of a law confirming the titles to said described lands, and ratifying the action of the Board of Control heretofore taken in regard thereto ;

Also,

Petition of E. J. Harrington, and 30 others, of the same county, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on railroads.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on insurance :

The committee on insurance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 144 (printed No. 68), entitled

A bill to allow accident insurance companies to do business in this State,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on insurance :

The committee on insurance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 143 (printed No. 67), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act regulating the responsibility of the agents of insurance companies doing business in this State," approved April 12, 1871, being compiler's sections 7629 and 7630, compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 17 (printed No. 149), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Burt, in the county of Cheboygan, and organize the same into a separate township to be known as the township of Nunda.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rules were suspended, and the bill put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,	24

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the majority of the committee on the University:

The committee on the State University, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as refers to the State University, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following as their report:

We have on several occasions visited the University at Ann Arbor, and have endeavored in the short time allotted us, aside from the other pressing duties connected with the investigation of the Laboratory deficit, to investigate the history and endowment, the management, system of education, the different departments and their workings; and above all, the pressing needs of this great Institution, which has been in the past, and we hope may continue to be in the future, a just source of pride to the people of the State, who have from the beginning, dealt with a liberal hand toward all their State institutions.

PUBLIC GRANTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

In the first days of the Republic we find all the best statesmen of those times in every way endeavoring to build up a thorough system of education, believing that the safety of a republican form of government could only be secured by the people, who are to be the rulers, being thoroughly educated and intelligent.

As early as 1787, in the celebrated ordinance of that year, we find that those who had created us a nation, looking forward to the great possibilities and the future welfare of all that territory northwest of the Ohio river, declaring in these unmistakable words, "schools and means of education shall forever be encouraged," and soon afterwards, in the same year, inaugurating a policy the wisdom of which has never yet been questioned, gave to each territory a certain amount of land for the purposes of a University. In the year 1805, when the Territory of Michigan was organized, one township of land was given as the endowment of a University, but by subsequent action of Congress this grant was annulled and a new grant of two townships of land in detached portions from any part of the public domain not otherwise appropriated were given for the same purpose. This grant of land was located under the direction of a committee appointed by the Board of Regents, with the greatest care and foresight on their part; and if the Legislature of subsequent years had used the same care and wisdom in the disposition of these lands, we can but believe that the University would not be to-day a pensioner upon the people. This grant of land, which should, at the price per acre at which the lands were first appraised in 1837, have given a sum not less than one million dollars as an endowment fund, has realized to the University only about \$450,000, or less than one-half of what should have been realized. That this failure to realize from the appropriation of the general government has not thus far obstructed the onward progress of the University can only be accounted for by the liberal spirit in which the people have met its financial wants, which have, of necessity, increased with the unrivaled growth of this institution. The University commenced its work in the fall of 1843, with one department and fifty-three students, and from that time until the present, there has been an almost constant gain, not only in numbers but in everything that pertains to the most thorough system of instruction and the broadest culture in all that goes to make a great University.

There are at present three departments in the University: the department of science, literature, and the arts,—in which all the courses of instruction are given that can be found in any of the best institutions of this country,—the department of medicine and surgery, and the department of law. To support an institution with these various departments, and these departments subdivided into various schools, with the large corps of instructors which they demand, is the great question which at the present time is the source of much thought and study by the friends of higher education; yet we often hear it asserted even by the friends of the University that of all things the State should not teach, or be burdened with taxation for the support of professional schools. That the people of the State may understand what it is that costs in this great University and that the professional schools are not the costly part of this institution, we submit herewith the pay-roll, by which it will be seen that the department of literature, science, and the arts is the great burden of the cost; and of necessity it is so, as this department requires a large number of instructors in the various courses of instruction and the varied branches taught in these several courses, while in the other departments the instruction is given almost entirely by lectures; and it makes no possible difference, as far as the cost is concerned, how many may be in attendance upon these lectures. The pay-rolls of the several departments are as follows:

PAY ROLL OF OFFICERS, PROFESSORS, AND EMPLOYEES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 1876.

NAMES.	Time.	Amount.	NAMES.	Time.	Amount.
President Jas. B. Angell.....	One year	\$4,500 00	<i>School of Mines and Archi-</i>		
Em. Prof. G. P. Williams.....	"	500 00	<i>lecture.</i>		
Professor H. S. Frieze.....	"	2,500 00	Professor S. H. Douglas.....		\$2,500 00
" J. C. Watson.....	"	2,500 00	" W. H. Pettey.....		2,500 00
" E. Olney.....	"	2,500 00	" W. L. B. Jenney.....		2,000 00
" C. K. Adams.....	"	2,500 00	Ass't Prof. C. S. Denison.....		500 00
" B. F. Cocker.....	"	2,500 00			<u>\$7,500 00</u>
" A. B. Prescott.....	"	2,500 00	<i>Department of Medicine and</i>		
" M. L. D'Ooge.....	"	2,500 00	<i>Surgery.</i>		
" G. P. Morris.....	"	2,500 00	Prof. A. B. Palmer.....	One year	\$2,000 00
" C. E. Green.....	"	2,500 00	" " as Dean.....	"	200 00
" M. C. Tyler.....	"	2,500 00	" C. L. Ford.....	"	2,500 00
" J. W. Langley.....	"	2,500 00	" E. S. Dunster.....	"	1,800 00
Ass't Prof. A. H. Pattengill.....	"	1,800 00	" D. Machan.....	"	1,800 00
" " J. B. Davis.....	"	1,800 00	" G. T. Frothingham.....	"	1,800 00
" " W. W. Beman.....	"	1,800 00	" W. J. Herdman.....	"	1,000 00
" " E. Jones.....	"	1,800 00			<u>\$11,100 00</u>
" " J. B. Steere.....	"	1,800 00	<i>Department of Law.</i>		
" " I. N. Demmon.....	"	1,800 00	Prof. J. V. Campbell.....	One year	\$1,800 00
Instructor J. R. B. de Pont.....	"	1,000 00	" Thos. M. Cooley, Dean.....	"	1,600 00
" C. S. Denison.....	"	1,000 00	" Chas. A. Kent.....	"	1,800 00
" C. N. Jones.....	"	1,000 00	" W. P. Wells.....	"	1,900 00
" A. Hennequin.....	"	1,000 00	Law Librarian, A. E. Wilson.....	"	110 00
" O. C. Johnson.....	"	750 00			<u>\$5,610 00</u>
" S. T. Douglas.....	"	750 00	<i>Homo. Medical College.</i>		
" A. V. E. Young.....	"	750 00	Prof. S. A. Jones.....	One year	\$1,800 00
" R. W. Corwin.....	"	700 00	" J. C. Morgan.....	"	1,800 00
" V. C. Vaughn.....	"	750 00	" J. G. Gilchrist.....	H'l'f year	900 00
Accountant, Miss Kate Crane.....	"	500 00	" F. A. Rockwith.....	"	900 00
Librarian, Andrew Ten Brook.....	"	1,800 00	" S. A. Jones as Dean.....	"	200 00
As't Lib'n, Miss L. M. Farrand.....	"	400 00			<u>\$5,800 00</u>
As't in Lib'y, Geo. Mecham.....	"	200 00	<i>College of Dental Surgery.</i>		
" " G. M. Ten Brook.....	"	50 00	Professor J. Taft.....	One year	\$1,500 00
Sec'y & Stow'd, H. D. Bennett.....	"	1,500 00	" J. A. Watling.....	"	1,000 00
Carpenter, Geo. Hayler.....	"	650 00	" W. H. Jackson.....	"	100 00
Engineer, Jno. Carrington.....	"	650 00			
Janitor, H. T. Penfield (Homo.	"				
Med. Col.).....	"	550 00			
Janitor, R. Howard (Law b'l'g)	"	500 00			
" " Jas. Ottley (No. & So.	"				
buildings).....	"	550 00			
Janitor, G. Nagele (Med. Col.)	"	500 00			
" " E. Fitzgerald (Central	"				
building).....	"	500 00			
		<u>\$59,350 00</u>			<u>\$2,800 00</u>

Again, there has been much said concerning the feasibility or justice of the taxation of the people to support an institution giving instruction to so many

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS,

especially in the professions. We have procured a statement of the amounts received from students in this State, and the moneys received from students outside of the State, which is as follows:

Statement of non-resident and resident students attending the University and the amount paid by them for fees for the year 1876-7:

**Students in the Department of Literature, Science, and the Arts.*

Non-residents.....	154
Residents.....	273
Students catalogued who pay no fees.....	6

Total in department..... 433

* Students in Pharmacy and School of Mines are included in the Department of Literature, Science and the Arts.

Fees paid by non-residents.....	\$4,375 00
“ “ “ residents.....	4,890 00
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	\$9,265 00

In the Department of Medicine and Surgery.

Non-residents students.....	157
Resident students.....	128
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Total in department.....	285
Fees paid by non residents.....	\$5,745 00
“ “ “ residents.....	2,650 00
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	\$8,395 00

In the Department of Law.

Non-residents.....	179
Residents.....	130
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Total in department.....	309
Fees paid by non residents.....	\$5,590 00
“ “ “ residents.....	2,590 00
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	\$8,180 00

Students in the College of Homeopathy.

Non-residents.....	18
Residents.....	33
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Total.....	51
Fees paid by non-residents.....	\$710 00
“ “ “ residents.....	770 00
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	\$1,480 00

Students in the College of Dental Surgery.

Non-residents.....	16
Residents.....	17
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Total.....	33
Fees paid by non-residents.....	\$670 00
“ “ “ residents.....	365 00
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	\$1,035 00

It will be seen by this that in the literary department, which is by far the most costly of all departments, has a less proportion of the non-resident students than either of the other departments; and it will also be seen that the department of medicine, which with its present corps of professors is capable of giving instruction to almost any number that may seek admission, would cost the same if the 157 non-resident students who now pay to the University \$5,745 were to leave; and the same may be said of the law department, which has a

greater proportion of non-resident students, and without whose fees—amounting to the sum of \$5,590—the department would not be self-sustaining, or pay any more dividends toward the support of other departments of the University, as it has done for several years in the past. And right here we would state that not only are these professional departments nearly self-sustaining, but they contribute to the growth and strength of the other departments.

It will be seen by the following table that soon after the addition of each of these departments, the University in its other departments received an impetus in its growth which it had not received before such department was established.

SUMMARY of Students in Attendance at the University of Michigan from its Organisation to the Present Time.

YEARS.	Department of Science, Lite- rature, and the Arts.	Department of Medicine.	Department of Law.	Total.
1844.....	53	—	—	53
1845.....	53	—	—	53
1846.....	50	—	—	70
1847.....	73	—	—	73
1848.....	80	—	—	80
1849.....	77	—	—	77
1850.....	73	—	—	73
1851.....	64	95	—	159
1852.....	57	159	—	216
1853.....	80	168	—	248
1854.....	96	151	—	244
1855.....	155	133	—	288
1856.....	232	108	—	375
1857.....	285	167	—	452
1858.....	276	157	—	413
1859.....	287	143	—	430
1860.....	265	164	90	519
1861.....	273	243	159	674
1862.....	270	216	179	665
1863.....	266	252	134	652
1864.....	295	240	221	756
1865.....	279	416	290	965
1866.....	355	467	385	1,206
1867.....	335	525	395	1,255
1868.....	418	418	387	1,223
1869.....	432	358	342	1,132
1870.....	477	340	309	1,126
1871.....	489	315	307	1,110
1872.....	509	260	348	1,267
1873.....	476	367	231	1,164
1874.....	484	314	314	1,112
1875.....	476	370	345	1,191

By this we confidently believe that we have clearly shown that it would be a very poor policy to disestablish the professional departments, and your committee most earnestly believe that it would prove detrimental if not fatal to the best interests of the University.

THE MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEM OF EDUCATION,

As far as we are capable of judging, seem to be everything that could be expected within the means at the disposal of the authorities of the University; and your committee do most heartily approve of the course of the present adminis-

tration in regard to the discipline in the University, the wholesome effects of which can but be seen in the orderly bearing of the students; and the change for the better in the order which prevails throughout the city is very perceptible to any one who has been acquainted with the city of Ann Arbor in the past.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND THE ARTS

Contains several courses of instruction, among which are the classical, the scientific, the Latin and scientific, engineering and mining engineering,—all of which are under able and experienced professors, who seem to be earnest in their several departments, and anxious to place this institution in the front ranks of the Universities of the world. By an act of the Legislature of 1875, a school of mines was organized and established in connection with the University. This was done in view of the vast mining interests of the State, especially of the Upper Peninsula, which are being so rapidly developed; and in consideration of the large burden of taxation which this portion of our people sustains, it seems to be just that their interests should receive this recognition in the University. It is to be hoped that at no distant day the students in the mining school may be able to spend their vacations in the mining regions, and there get a practical illustration of the theories which they are taught at the University. This would obviate the necessity of establishing a school of mines, as has been suggested by some, in the Upper Peninsula, and could be accomplished at a far less expense than it could be to maintain a mining school separate from the University. This school has at present 23 students, besides several in other courses, who have chosen practical courses of instruction in mining engineering or assaying. This is considered a very fair beginning for this school, considering the time that it has been organized; and your committee recommend the renewal of the appropriation, which was given two years ago, of the \$8,500 for professorships and \$2,500 each year for apparatus. We also recommend that the unexpended balance of \$3,000 for professorships and \$300 for apparatus, which was granted by the Legislature of 1875, may be drawn by the Board of Regents from the treasury and expended in this school in such manner as the Board of Regents may direct.

Until the present time

THE CHAIR OF GEOLOGY

has been filled by the professor of mining engineering, and makes more work than should be placed upon one professor. We therefore recommend the appropriation of \$2,500 for professor of geology. There is not probably in this whole country an institution bearing the name of university or college but that is better equipped with philosophical apparatus than is this department of the University. There are many union schools, even, which are better furnished in this respect; and we most earnestly recommend the appropriation of \$1,500 for the first year and \$500 for the second year, for the equipment of a philosophical laboratory; also \$2,500 for a professor of physics.

By an act of the Legislature of 1875

THE SCHOOL OF DENTAL SURGERY

was established in connection with the medical department of the University, and is considered by the friends of the University a great acquisition. It has this year an increase of 50 per cent. in students over the first year, which makes in all 33 students at present receiving instruction in this department.

This school, together with the homeopathic college, now occupy one of the buildings erected for a dwelling house on the University grounds, and for several years previous to 1875 used as a hospital. Owing to the present great success of both these schools, and the increase of the number of students, it will be impossible for both schools to occupy this building together any longer. They ask,—and we do not see how they can get along with less,—\$4,000 for an addition to the present building. They ask \$4,500 for professors' salaries, \$1,000 for apparatus for the first year, and \$500 for the second year, all of which your committee believe to be a reasonable demand, and willingly recommend the same.

THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

which has been so long a source of annoyance to some and amusement to others, to anyone unacquainted with the warfare of the medical schools would seem in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding there has been a perceptible falling off in the number of students in the old department, while the homeopathic college, established by an act of the Legislature of 1875, has increased its numbers from 24 in the first year to 51 in the second (or more than 100 per cent), and that, too, against the opposition of a large number of the homeopathsists themselves, and in face of the excited action of certain gentlemen of the regular school. While many of us were opposed to the admission of homeopathy to a place in the University, yet we must confess that the visions of conflicts and trouble which have been so plausibly pictured to us have, to a great extent, given away, and we find, prejudiced as we have been, that there may good reasons exist for keeping this school there, especially since the people who, through their Legislature, have said "hands off and fair play;" yet there is no disputing the fact that the position in which the regular medical school is placed is taken advantage of by rival schools of medicine, and, to as great an extent as possible, used to the injury of the medical department of the University, and ere long, if this warfare continues, it may work the complete ruin of this school of medicine.

By an act of the Legislature of 1875

THE STATE HOSPITAL

was located at Ann Arbor, and, according to the terms of the act, in connection with the University, and not with any particular school of medicine; yet we understand that the pavilions which have been erected have been used exclusively by the old medical department of the University, by the action of certain of the authorities, and admission virtually denied to the Homeopathsists. There is nothing in the terms of the act to authorize such a procedure, much less is there any justice in it; and arrangement should be made for equal rights in this institution. Still, it will be necessary to make a small appropriation for the equipment and maintenance of the hospital. We therefore recommend the sum of \$1,000 for each year for this purpose.

Such an institution as

A PHYSIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

in the medical departments has not yet been known; and instruments, such as microscopes (for microscopical investigation) seem to be an indispensable necessity in such a department for scientific research; and we therefore recommend the sum of \$1,000 for a physiological laboratory in connection with the medical departments.

THE LAW DEPARTMENT

is the only self-sustaining department in this institution; and that it is thus self-sustaining and independent of aid is no doubt in a great degree owing to the able and distinguished men to whom this interest has been intrusted. They ask no appropriations, but would be very thankful for the room now occupied by the general library, thus giving them complete possession of the whole law building. They have a very carefully selected library in connection with this department, consisting of about 6,000 volumes.

For the purposes of a

GENERAL LIBRARY

there should be a fire-proof building of sufficient capacity to supply the increasing demands made by the rapid growth of the University. A library is an indispensable part of a great University, and above all things else, should be provided for. Heretofore the State has made no appropriation for the library, its only support being derived by an annual appropriation of \$1,500 from the general fund of the University. There is probably no library in the west, if there is in this country, that is brought into more constant use by the students than is the general library of the University; and under its present able and careful management, we believe that it demands very careful and earnest consideration at our hands. It now has some 24,000 volumes of books and 10,000 pamphlets; and owing to the scanty allowance upon which it has been compelled to exist, it does not by any means comprise what it should of the works of our national authors, and much less of foreign literature. Your committee would most earnestly recommend the appropriation, which the general librarian has asked, of \$2,500 for each of the coming two years, for the purchase of books for the general library.

And in this connection this committee would submit for your consideration a proposal, made by Hon. Levi Bishop of Detroit, the substance of which proposition is this: That he will give to the University, for the purpose of constructing a fire-proof building for the general library, the sum of \$45,000, provided that a life annuity shall be paid by the State on this sum of eight per cent during the lives of himself and present wife, and five per cent per annum after the death of either, provided further, that the State will grant for the same purpose, the sum of \$15,000. This proposition is considered by those who have investigated the matter, to be equal to a gift of \$20,000. Your committee will make no recommendation, but leave this matter for your careful consideration.

THE MUSEUM

is one of the most interesting features of the University to the people of the whole State, and at the same time is one of the most important, especially for the sciences. It consists of about 255,000 specimens, from all quarters of the known world. The Beal-Steere collection, which is one of the most valuable of its kind in this country, if not in the world,—containing many new and rare species,—consists of 100,000 shells (land and sea), 3,000 birds, 8,000 insects, 1,000 corals, 100 mammals, 2,500 botanical specimens, 300 specimens of ancient pottery, 1,700 specimens in the general archeological collection, 1,000 minerals, and 2,000 specimens in spirit. This collection, almost invaluable as it is, can be purchased at the present time on the most reasonable terms, and your committee recommend that it receive your most favorable consideration.

Probably no department of the University, or anything connected with it, has done so much to win for it a reputation at home and abroad as has

THE DETROIT OBSERVATORY.

This Observatory was built and equipped by donations from the citizens of Detroit, together with about \$3,000 donated by the citizens of Ann Arbor. It was founded and equipped as a working observatory, and not for instruction except in the very highest work: the great object was the advancement of astronomical science, and it was the great object of the founder, Dr. Tappan; and his idea, as expressed in his inaugural address: that nothing would so much add to the renown of the University, as an observatory properly equipped, has become a prophecy fulfilled. Prof. Bruno, the first astronomer connected with the Observatory, commenced the work of the observation of stars, for standard star catalogues, which has been continued by the present astronomer, Prof. J. C. Watson,—also, the accurate observation of the position and magnitude of stars in the vicinity of the ecliptic. In the progress of these observations about 150,000 stars have been observed, catalogued, and projected upon charts, which charts are to be engraved by the Smithsonian Institute, for which the University will receive the credit; and during this work the Observatory at Ann Arbor, and the present astronomer, has become famous to the world by the discovery of 21 new planets. The direct object of these observations is to perfect the data from which the yearly tables are obtained in advance, by means of which are effected the navigation of the ocean and the surveys of the coast. From an examination which we have made of the English Nautical Almanac, printed by the British Admiralty, we find that the Observatory at Ann Arbor is one of five only out of 25 or 30 observatories in the United States recognized as a working observatory, contributing to exact astronomical research. Thus, it will be seen that the Observatory at Ann Arbor has not been idle, as the results of its work are published by the Prussian government and foreign periodicals, seems to us evidence enough that the work is thorough, and of the very highest order.

There has been considerable fault found of late, through the press, with the director of the observatory, claiming that it was established for the use of the people, and not for one man to build up a reputation for himself. Your committee have investigated these charges and have come to the unanimous conclusion that it was not the intention of the founders of the observatory to establish this institution as a show for the people, but an institution for the advancement of correct astronomical research, the results of which should be not only for the benefit of the people of this State but for the whole world, and not only for the present but for all future time. We must confess that the astronomer has shown more patience than we should have done under like circumstances, when we take into consideration that there is no janitor furnished for the observatory, that all dirt and that filth from the use of tobacco has sometimes had to be wiped from the floor with wet cloths by the astronomer himself, to avoid injury to the instruments from dust which might result from sweeping. The astronomer, to avoid the trouble of the visiting public, has commenced the construction at his own expense, of an instrument with a twelve-inch silver-glass reflector, which he proposes to mount outside of the main building on the observatory grounds for the visiting public and all students not in the course of higher astronomy. At present they need a portable transit and zenith telescope, and also a spectroscope, for field practice by the student in the regular course, to be located in a cheap building for this purpose on the University campus. Your committee believe that the appropriation of \$1,500 for this purpose will be sufficient, and money well expended.

THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

which we have recommended, after careful scrutiny as to the needs of the several departments, and after a most thorough examination, are as follows:

School of mines, for the year 1877.....	\$10,500
School of mines, for the year 1878.....	10,500
Pay of professor of geology, 1877.....	2,500
Pay of professor of geology, 1878.....	2,500
Physical laboratory, 1877.....	1,500
Physical laboratory, 1878.....	500
Pay of professor of physics, 1877.....	2,500
Pay of professor of physics, 1878.....	2,500
Hospital, 1877.....	1,000
Hospital, 1878.....	1,000
Physiological laboratory for the medical departments, 1877.....	1,000
General library, 1877.....	2,500
General library, 1878.....	2,500
Pay of professors in dental school, 1877.....	4,500
Pay of professors in dental school, 1878.....	4,500
Apparatus in dental school, 1877.....	1,000
Apparatus in dental school, 1878.....	500
Addition to building of dental school, 1877.....	4,000
Astronomical department, 1877.....	1,500

Total, for the year 1877, \$32,500.00; for the year 1878, \$25,000.

The salaries paid the professors has been a subject for our consideration, and we would state that there is no institution of similar standing in this country where they do not pay larger salaries than are paid to the professors of our University. At Brown, they pay their regular professors \$3,000 per annum; Yale, \$3,000; Princeton, \$3,000; Harvard, \$4,000; Columbia college, \$7,500; Michigan University, \$2,500. It seems to us that Michigan, in the salaries paid in the University in comparison with other institutions, still preserves the economical character she has always borne.

With all of the dark spots that have existed in the University for the last few years there is yet, we believe, enough of the good, the true, and the gold to excite within the breast of any citizen who has the welfare of the State at heart, a just sense of pride in this truly great institution that has brought so much wealth and intelligence of other States and nations to our shores, so much honor to the State whose educational system is the crowning glory of those who conceived and brought into existence this grand old Michigan. Our system of government of the people requires that the intelligence and the ruling power which rests in the people should be of the highest order possible; and it seems to us that the best policy, the wisest statesmanship, is that which in every way encourages a thorough education of the masses and a broad system of culture throughout our University and other institutions of learning. The demands upon us are that we shall not fail to do for the generations of the present and future what has been done in the past for us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. J. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

T. H. HINCHMAN,

Majority of the Committee on the University.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 49 (printed No. 18), entitled

A bill to amend sections 23 and 42 of an act to incorporate the village of Hancock, the same being act No. 274 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Hancock," approved March 19th, 1875,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Markey,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Packard,	Tyler,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Rankin,	Willcox,
Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	Williams,
Freeman,			
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NAYS.

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate joint resolution No. 8, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 15 of Article XVII. of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to a general revision of the laws,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Taylor in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 64, entitled

A bill to amend section 7980 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to inquests, being section 11 of chapter 167, of the revised statutes of 1846;

2. Senate bill No. 76, entitled

A bill establishing the time for fixing the salaries of county officers;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 74, entitled

A bill to provide the forms for deeds and mortgages;

4. Senate bill No. 66, entitled

A bill to amend section 470 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local administrative and legislative powers;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to re-

port the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

5. Senate bill No. 71, entitled

A bill to amend section 4738, 4739, and 4740, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce;

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

6. Senate bill No. 77, entitled

A bill to prevent betting upon the result of any political nomination, appointment, or election;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

L. J. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first and second named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made by the committee to the third and fourth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause in the fifth named bill.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The bill was referred to the committee on State affairs.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the sixth named bill, and the same was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, March 13, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Duffield.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read : Petition of Ezra Cook and 12 others, praying that the privileges of the Agricultural College may be extended to both sexes;

Also,

Petition of J. T. Hay and 9 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of C. H. Goldsmith and 14 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of David Atkins and 8 others, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

By the same: Remonstrance of Adam Feick and 9 others, against the re-establishment of the county school superintendency system;

Also,

Remonstrance of R. A. Thorne and 17 others, to the same effect;

Also,

Remonstrance of J. T. Hay and 11 others, to the same effect;

Also,

Remonstrance of B. F. Needham and 15 others, to the same effect;

Also,

Remonstrance of Wm. Yates and 18 others, to the same effect;

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By the same: Petition of E. W. Saunders and 25 others, for the passage of a law defining the weight of a bushel of apples to be 47 pounds;

Also,

Petition of Henry Marhoff and 23 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of J. T. Hay and 11 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of G. W. Debon and 12 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Wm. Yates and 18 others, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Petition of Wm. R. Whitney and 12 others, asking for the passage of a law restricting the rate of interest to 7 per cent;

Also,

Petition of Dan. Holmes and 30 others for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Wm. Yates and 18 other citizens of Montcalm county, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Henry Marhoff and 17 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Robert Butler and 10 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of A. Kingsley and 9 others, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Petition of J. H. Rhoades and 11 others, praying that the general railroad laws be so amended as to require all railroads to establish and maintain uniform rates of freight;

Also,

Petition of John Gogle and 25 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of J. F. Hay and 10 others, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of James Gardiner and 11 others, for the same purpose;

The petitions were referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. Burleigh: Petition praying that the Legislature may take such steps.

as will sweep the horrid traffic of liquor selling from the land, and so crush its maddening, blighting power;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Nelson: Petition of Mrs. M. Newcomb, A. S. Eaton and others, citizens and purchasers of railroad lands in Muskegon county, asking for the passage of a law confirming the title to certain railroad lands in said county, and to ratify the action of the Board of Control heretofore taken thereto;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of Peter H. Chappell and other citizens of Ottawa county, asking for the passage of a law confirming the titles to said described lands and ratifying the action of the Board of Control heretofore taken in regard thereto;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. Morse: Remonstrance of Newell Barnard, Thos. Merrill, A. W. Wright, David Rust and others, against detaching any portion of the town of Sheridan, as contemplated by House bill No. 198;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Burch: Petition of the county officers and 20 others, citizens of Lake county, in favor of the office of County Superintendent of schools.

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 214, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Wyandotte,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Hinchman,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 259, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Holland,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to create a fire commission in the city of Detroit," approved March 18th, 1871, by adding thereto 12 new sections,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Ithaca,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 3726 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 14 of an act for the relief of school districts;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

House bill No. 97 (printed No. 58), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend section 137 of chapter 136, compiler's section 3696 of the compiled laws of 1871," an act entitled "An act relative to primary schools," as amended by act No. 167, of the session laws of 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee. The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs :

The committee on State affairs, to whom was recommitted

Senate bill No. 71, entitled

A bill to amend section 4738, 4739, 4740 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend section 4741 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to divorce, recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on State Reform School and appropriations and finance, jointly :

The committees on State Reform School and appropriations and finance, to whom was jointly referred

A bill making appropriation for the State Reform School for the years 1877 and 1878,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

D. R. COOK,

Chairman of Committee on Reform School.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman Committee on Appropriations and Finance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on religious and benevolent societies :

The committee on religious and benevolent societies, to whom was referred

House bill No. 373 (printed No. 151), entitled

A bill to amend compiler's section 3057, being section 4 of chapter 108 of compiled laws of 1871, relative to the notice of the election of trustees of religious societies,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDELL, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Foote,	Morse,	Read,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Burch,	Hinchman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook.	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of an act, entitled "An act to regulate proceedings in attachment against foreign corporations in certain cases," approved April 4, 1871, being compiler's section 5519 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 11 of the session laws of 1869, relative to interest falling due on written contracts,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

By the committee on public lands :

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred

Joint resolution to authorize the agricultural land grant board to confirm the sale of certain agricultural lands heretofore sold,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. C. WATERBURY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance;

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was recommitted Senate bill No. 87, entitled

A bill relative to appropriations,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the city of Monroe to raise money for the erection and maintenance of water-works;

Also,

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 5 of act number 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages;"

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 188 (printed No. 184), entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Ada, in the county of Kent, to raise money to purchase the "Ada Bridge" across Grand River, in said county,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

A bill to protect travel on the public highways,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 2 of chapter 26, revised statutes of 1846, the same being section 1290, compiled laws of 1871, relating to encroachments on highways,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McElroy moved to take from the table the following:

Senate bill No. 90, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act relative to laying out, altering, and discontinuing highways," being chapter 26 of the compiled laws of 1871, by adding thereto a new section to stand as section 20;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Hinchman,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Burch,	Markey,	Osborn,	Taylor,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Packard,	Tyler,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Waterbury,
Edsell,			25

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Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Perrin,	Mr. Wilcox,	4
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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. McElroy moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act relative to laying out, altering, and discontinuing highways," being chapter 26 of compiled laws of 1871, by adding thereto a new section, to stand as section 21;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 60, entitled

A bill to provide for the safety of persons attending public assemblies,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Baxter, Burleigh, Burch, Chamberlain, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Foote, Freeman, Jenney, McElroy, Morgan,	Mr. Morse, Nelson, Newcomb, Osborn, Rankin,	Mr. Read, Taylor, Waterbury, Wilcox, Williams,
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Mr. Andrus, D. R. Cook, Title agreed to.	Mr. Edsell, Hinchman,	Mr. Markey, Packard,	Mr. Redfield, Shoemaker,
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Senate bill No. 64, entitled

A bill to amend section 7980 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to inquests, being section 11 of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the revised statutes of 1846,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus, Baxter, Burleigh, Burch, Chamberlain, D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Edsell, Freeman, Hinchman, Jenney, Markey, McElroy, Morgan,	Mr. Morse, Nelson, Newcomb, Packard, Perrin, Rankin,	Read, Shoemaker, Taylor, Waterbury, Wilcox, Williams,
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NAYS.

Mr. Adair, Foote,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Redfield,	Mr. Tyler,
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 76, entitled

A bill establishing the time for fixing the salaries of county officers,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Baxter, Breitung, Burleigh,	Mr. Burch, D. R. Cook, Edsell, Hinchman,	Mr. Jenney, Markey, McElroy, Morgan,	Mr. Packard, Perrin, Rankin, Read,
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Mr. Andrus, Chamberlain, Wm. Cook, Foote,	Mr. Freeman, Morse, Nelson, Osborn,	Mr. Redfield, Shoemaker, Taylor, Tyler,	Mr. Waterbury, Wilcox, Williams,
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Mr. McElroy moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The bill was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 66, entitled

A bill to amend section 470 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local administrative and legislative powers.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams, 32

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 2 (printed No. 43), entitled

A bill re-incorporating the village of Ithaca.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Redfield,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
Edsell,	Morse,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 87, entitled

A bill relative to appropriations,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Taylor,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	

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The question being on agreeing to the title,
Mr. Andrus moved to amend the title so as to read as follows :
"A bill providing for the transfer of unexpended balances of appropriations ;"
Which motion prevailed.
The title as amended was then agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,
The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.
Mr. Shoemaker in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report :

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill :

Senate bill No. 79, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the public schools in the city of Battle Creek," approved March 17, 1871, being act number 490 of the session laws for the year 1871, and to add thereto three new sections to stand as sections number 10, 11, and 12 ;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following joint resolution :

Senate joint resolution No. 11, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, Article XIV. of the Constitution of this State, relative to finance and taxation,

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate, and ask leave to sit again.

M. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

Leave was granted the committee to sit again for the further consideration of the joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of John McConnell, Harvey J. Hollister, D. P. Clay, and others, citizens of Kent county, asking for the passage of a law confirming the title to certain railroad lands in said county, and to ratify the action of the Board of Control heretofore taken thereto ;

Also,

Petition of A. S. Fowler, Adam Shank, and Frank Leroux, citizens of Muskegon county, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on railroads.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to legalize the action of the board of supervisors of Kalkaska county, in erecting the township of Grayling,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 72 of the revised statutes of 1846, being compiler's section 4420 of the compiled laws of 1871, in relation to payment of debts and legacies of deceased persons,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 503 (printed No. 176), entitled

A bill to revise and amend the charter of the city of Port Huron;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 4 (printed No. 69), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the protection and preservation of fish in certain lakes in the counties of Cass and Berrien," approved April 15, 1871;

2. House bill No. 196 (printed No. 124) entitled

A bill to revise and amend the charter of the city of Ypsilanti;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully.

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on fisheries.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the joint committee on the University, to whom was committed the duty of investigating an alleged defalcation in the chemical laboratory, be and they are hereby authorized to complete a contract with the reporter employed in said investigation by which he may be paid the further sum of five cents per folio for said service;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Tyler moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

Which motion prevailed.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 28, entitled

A bill to amend section 4257 of the compiled laws of 1871, and act No. 46 of the session laws of 1875, approved March 20, 1875, to provide for recording patents of lands, and for other purposes,

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same, as follows :

1st. By adding in line 4 (4257), section 1, after the word "State:" "Or other officer having the legal custody of the records of any such patents."

2d. By adding to end of recited section one the following: "And such certified copies of the record of patents heretofore recorded in the office of said Secretary of State, and the record of such certified copies may be read in evidence in all courts of this State with the same force and effect as the original patents."

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Perrin moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,		27

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On motion of Mr. Perrin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to re-transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 152 (printed No. 91), entitled

A bill to organize the townships of Spalding, Breen, Breitung, Stephenson and Holmes, and to re-organize the townships of Cedarville, Ingallston and Menominee, in the county of Menominee,

In accordance with the request of the Senate for the same.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Osborn moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill, Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Osborn, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word "herein," in line 7 of section 9, the following, "and at such election the qualified voters shall elect by ballot persons to fill

the various township offices, in manner and form as provided by the general laws of this State in case of township elections."

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,			26

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 79, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the public schools of the city of Battle Creek," approved March 17, 1871, being act number 490 of the session laws for the year 1871, and to add thereto three new sections to stand as sections number 10, 11, and 12;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,			26

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Cook,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Shoemaker in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following joint resolution:

1. Senate joint resolution No. 11, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, article XIV. of the constitution of this State, relative to finance and taxation :

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

2. Senate joint resolution No. 14, entitled

Joint resolution proposing to add a section to Article IV. of the Constitution of this State, relative to the legislative department,

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

1. Senate bill No. 17, entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of an attorney fee in favor of the prevailing party in actions at law in justice courts;

2. Senate bill No. 119, entitled

A bill to amend compiler's section 974 of compiled laws of 1871, it being recited section 8 of act No. 156 of the session laws of 1875, relative to the assessment and collection of taxes;

3. Senate bill No. 121, entitled

A bill to authorize supervisors of townships to administer oaths in certain cases;

4. Senate bill No. 126, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 84 of the session laws of 1851, approved April 4th, 1851, entitled "An act to establish the township line between the townships of Clinton and Harrison, in the county of Macomb," so that the same shall read as follows :

5. Senate bill No. 128, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of St. Andrews' Societies;

6. House bill No. 128 (printed No. 77), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Bangor;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

7. Senate bill No. 100, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the fire department of the city of Detroit," approved February 14, 1840, and acts amendatory thereto, approved January 14, 1859, approved March 16, 1861, approved April 3, 1869;

8. Senate bill No. 129, entitled

A bill to authorize cities, incorporated towns, and townships, to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following bills :

9. Senate bill No. 107, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 152 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 29, 1875, and also to amend sections 10, 11, and 12, of chapter 218, being sections

6921, 6922, and 6923, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to foreclosure by advertisement;

10. Senate bill No. 120, entitled

A bill relative to the care of persons insane or otherwise incompetent or dangerous at the expiration of their term of sentence at the State Prison;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that they be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

11. Senate bill No. 112, entitled

A bill to amend section 986 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon,

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

M. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth named bills, and the second named joint resolution were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the action of the committee in striking out all after the resolving clause in the first named joint resolution, and the joint resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the seventh and eighth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the ninth and tenth named bills, and the same were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause in the eleventh named bill, and the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Nelson asked and obtained leave of absence for himself indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, March 14, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Franklin.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senator Edsell.

Mr. Packard asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Edsell indefinitely on account of sickness.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bills to the Governor, under the rules:

A bill to authorize the city of Monroe to raise money for the erection and maintenance of water-works;

Also,

A bill to amend section 5, of chapter 5, of act number 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1st, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages."

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of Aram Beebe, and 23 others, citizens of Greenbush, Clinton county, praying that all railroads in this State may be brought under the general railroad laws, and that uniform maximum rates for transportation of freights may be established according to distance of transportation;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By the same: Petition of Conrad C. Taber, H. M. Perrin, and 16 others, citizens and settlers upon railroad lands in Clinton county, asking for the passage of a law confirming the titles to said described lands and ratifying the action of the Board of Control heretofore taken in regard thereto;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By Mr. Foote: Remonstrance of Thomas Nester, against the passage of House bill No. 198, relative to detaching certain territory from the township of Sheridan, in the county of Clare, and organizing the same with other territory, into the township of "Hayes;"

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

By Mr. Burleigh: Memorial from the Ann Arbor Scientific Association, protesting against the lowering of the existing requirement of 140° Fahrenheit as the flashing point for kerosene oil, or any petroleum oil for burning purposes;

Referred to the committee on public health.

By Mr. Burch: Petition of 115 citizens of Wexford county, in favor of a new judicial circuit;

Also,

Petition of W. S. Gerrish and 28 other citizens of Osceola county, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on constitutional amendments:

The committee on constitutional amendments, to whom was recommitted.

Senate joint resolution No. 3, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, Article IX., of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit court,

With instructions to so amend the joint resolution that it will provide for limiting the number of judicial circuits,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

Joint resolution proposing amendments to section 7, Article VI., and to section 1, Article IX., of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit courts, and limiting the number of circuits,

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the joint resolution by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Morgan,

The joint resolution was ordered printed, and placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 223 (printed No. 110), entitled

A bill to amend section 27, chapter 170, being compiler's section 4759 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the enforcement of decrees for alimony in divorce cases;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 126 (printed No. 71), entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 239, being section 7442 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of certain officers in civil cases,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act amendatory of the several acts relating to the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, and the Albion Female Collegiate Institute," approved February 25, 1861, approved March 2, 1865,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

A bill making appropriations for the Board of Fish Commissioners for the years 1877 and 1878,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on military affairs :

The committee on military affairs, to whom was referred

A bill for the relief of certain officers of the 10th regiment of Michigan volunteer infantry,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Acting Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on appropriations and finance :

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the joint committee on the University, to whom was committed the duty of investigating an alleged defalcation in the chemical laboratory, be and they are hereby authorized to complete a contract with the reporter employed in said investigation by which he may be paid the further sum of five cents per folio for said service,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that

it be adopted, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

By the committee on appropriations and finance:

The committee on appropriations and finance, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 117 (printed No. 121), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to detach certain territory from the townships of Manistee and Stronach in the county of Manistee, and to organize such territory so detached into a township by the name of Filer," and legalize certain action taken thereunder,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Burch moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 409 of the session laws of 1869, entitled

"An act to detach certain territory from the townships of Manistee and Stronach, in the county of Manistee, and to organize such territory so detached into a township by the name of "Filer," and to add one new section thereto, legalizing certain action had thereunder, to stand as section six of said original act;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 198 (printed No. 108), entitled

A bill to organize the township of Hayes, in the county of Clare;

Also, remonstrances of Newell Barnard, Thos. Merrill, A. W. Wright, David Rust, and others; of George W. English, supervisors, and 31 other residents of the town of Sheridan; of James Shearer, and others, owners of over 4,800 acres of land in town 19 north, 3 west; and of Thomas Nester;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Foote,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Foote moved that the remonstrances be printed at length on the journal.

Which motion prevailed.

The following are the remonstrances:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

Your petitioners respectfully represent that they hold several thousand dollars of indebtedness of the present town of Sheridan; that such indebtedness was incurred by and for the benefit of the whole town of Sheridan, as at present constituted. Your petitioners are also large owners of lands in the said town of Sheridan, and do hereby most earnestly *protest* against the detaching of any portion of said town as contemplated by House bill No. 198.

NEWELL BARNARD,	THOMAS MERRILL,
A. W. WRIGHT,	D. W. RUST,
JOHN F. RUST,	GEORGE RUST,
JESSE HOYT,	

By W. J. BARTOW, *His Attorney in fact*.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned, residents of the town of Sheridan, in the county of Clare, respectfully but earnestly remonstrate against the detaching of congressional township No. 19 N. R. 3 W. from the present town of Sheridan, as contemplated by House bill No. 198, and for the following reasons among others:

First, There is not an inhabitant in congressional township No. 19 N. R. 3 W., and no person owning land in the same, has asked for or desires such change, but on the contrary all are opposed to it.

Second, The town of Sheridan as now constituted is largely in debt, and such indebtedness was caused in part for said 19—3, and the said 19—3 is not connected by any road with the balance of the territory contemplated to be formed into the township of Hayes, but all its connections are with other parts of the town of Sheridan.

GEO. N. ENGLISH, Supervisor,
WILLIAM RUNYAN, Justice of the Peace,
JAMES A. WARNER, Town Clerk,
ALVIN ROOT, Justice of the Peace,
JAMES KELLY, Treasurer,
DAVID SMALLEY, Commissioner,
HORACE B. OLES,
G. W. GOULD,
JOHN MERRILL,
SILAS HULET,
DANIEL MCKINLAY,
FRANK ALLEN,
JOHN MATTHEWS,
H. C. ALLEN,
PETER WHITE,
GEORGE RUE,

S. B. OLES,
JOHN REID,
LIEBHEREN FOLL,
EDWARD MCCAFFETY,
CYRUS APPLEBEE,
JOHN B. MCKINLEY,
FRANK MCCLELLAND,
M. T. BAILEY,
PETER F. BRADLEY,
A. J. CLUTE,
SETH COLBURN,
JONATHAN W. BROOKS,
LOCKLAN W. KINLAY,
N. JOBSON,
RUDOLPH KERN,
JOHN HOLT.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned, owners of lands in congressional township No. 19, N. of Range 3 west in the town of Sheridan, most respectfully protest and remonstrate against the detaching of said township 19-3 from Sheridan, as contemplated by House bill No. 198.

We suggest a few facts in connection herewith:

First, There is *not an inhabitant* in the said 19-3, and so far as we know, every owner of land therein is opposed to the change.

Second, It has no connection by roads or ownership with the balance of territory as proposed by said House bill to be formed into the town of Hayes, but on the contrary, its connections are with, and to a great extent always will be with the town of Sheridan. The principal road runs north and south from the railroad, and has been constructed at a large expense, for a part of which the town is still owing.

We are the owners of lands in the said 19-3 to the extent of the number of acres set opposite our respective names or firms, and suggest that inasmuch as there *are no* residents in said territory to be affected, that our interests and wishes should have some consideration at your hands.

[Signed],

JAS. SHEARER & CO., owns 1,680 acres.

WOODS & NIMMS, owns 1,524 acres.

WM. L. WEBBER, Land Com'r, 1,680 acres.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that he is the owner of more than one thousand acres of land lying in surveyed towns Nos. 17, 18, and 19 N., range 3 W., comprising the town of Sheridan, in Clare county, and that he has expended several thousand dollars in improvements on the same, and desires to

enter his humble but earnest protest against detaching any portion of said township as contemplated in House bill 198.

THOS. NESTER.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A petition praying that the Legislature may take such steps as will sweep the horrid traffic of liquor selling from the land, and so crush its maddening, blighting powers,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and find the contents of the petition relates to an entirely different subject from what the title would indicate. Your committee would therefore recommend that it be referred to the committee on asylums for the insane, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The report and petition were laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend sections 2, 9, 10, and 11 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Blissfield," in the township of Blissfield, Lenawee county, Michigan, approved March 24, 1875;

An act to authorize the city of Monroe to raise money for the erection and maintenance of water-works;

An act to amend section 2, of act No. 374, of the session laws of 1869, approved March 30, 1869, as amended by act No. 229 of the session laws of 1871, relating to the incorporation of the village of Portland, Ionia county;

An act to authorize the board of supervisors of Houghton county to issue bonds for the purpose of raising money to improve that portion of the L'Anse bay and State line State road lying between the eastern boundary line of the village of Houghton and the line dividing the counties of Houghton and Baraga;

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 5 of act number 62 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 1, 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages."

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 149 (printed No. 70) entitled

A bill to provide for the completion and furnishing of the State House of Correction at Ionia, and to make an appropriation therefor;

2. House bill No. 403 (printed No. 144), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present townships of Little Traverse and Bear Creek, in the county of Emmet, and to organize the same into a separate township to be called the township of Littlefield;

3. House bill No. 249 (printed No. 169), entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 26 of the compiled laws of 1871, being the compiler's section 1256 relative to highways;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committees on State House of Correction and appropriations and finance, jointly.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook.	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 39 (printed No. 79), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 12 of chapter 67, being sections 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, and 2127 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the destruction of wolves and other noxious animals;

2. House bill No. 124 (printed No. 82), entitled

A bill to amend section 86 of chapter 178 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5334, relative to adjournments of civil causes in justices' courts:

3. House bill No. 191 (printed No. 88), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act concerning bail in criminal cases," approved March 31, 1840, being compiler's section 7877 of the compiled laws of 1871, by adding a new section thereto, to stand as section 2 of said act.

4. House bill No. 42 (printed No. 32), entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of chapter 206, compiler's number 6567, of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to the surrender of corporate rights.

5. House bill No. 147 (printed No. 90), entitled,

A bill to amend section 29, of chapter 47 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "county drain law," being compiler's section 1773.

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first and fifth-named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second, third and fourth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 83 (printed No. 93), entitled

A bill to promote the early construction of a railroad through the Menominee Iron Range;

Which has passed the House by a two-thirds majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on railroads.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 42, entitled

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 154, of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7599, of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to maliciously injuring houses or other buildings, etc.,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 5 (printed No. 89), entitled

A bill to establish a police force in the township of Grand Rapids ;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Tyler moved to take from the table the following :

Senate bill No. 125, entitled

A bill to re-organize the 18th judicial circuit, and create the 22d judicial circuit.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

The bill was not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Burch,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Andrus,	Foote,	Markey,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Morse,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Redfield,	Williams, 16

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Mr. Baxter,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Read,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Newcomb,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,	Osborn,		14

Mr. Burch moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Read offered the following:

Whereas, The number of Legislative Manuals now ordered published is found to be insufficient to furnish the members and officers of the Legislature with the usual number of copies, and also to the various officers connected with the several State boards and departments of our State government, and furnish a sufficient number of copies for the use of the State Library; therefore,

Resolved (the House concurring), That the compiler of the Legislative Manual be instructed to procure the publishing of 500 additional copies of said Manual, for the use of the Legislature, and to be disposed of as the Legislature may direct;

Which was adopted.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate joint resolution No. 14, entitled

Joint resolution proposing to add a new section to Article IV. of the Constitution of this State, relative to the Legislative department,

Was read a third time and not passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter, Breitung, Burch,	Mr. Chamberlain, Wm. Cook, Freeman,	Mr. Markey, Packard,	Mr. Tyler, Williams,	10
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Mr. Adair, Andrus, Burleigh, Foote, Hinchman,	Mr. Jenney, McElroy, Morgan, Morse, Osborn,	Mr. Perrin, Rankin, Read, Redfield,	Mr. Shoemaker, Taylor, Waterbury, Wilcox,	18
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Senate bill No. 17, entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of an attorney fee in favor of the prevailing party in actions at law in justice courts,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter, Burleigh, Burch,	Mr. Foote, Freeman, McElroy,	Mr. Morgan, Perrin,	Mr. Rankin, Wilcox,	10
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NAYS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Breitung, D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Hinchman, Jenney, Markey, Morse, Newcomb,	Mr. Osborn, Packard, Read, Redfield,	Mr. Shoemaker, Taylor, Waterbury, Williams,	18
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Senate bill No. 119, entitled

A bill to amend compiler's section 974 of compiled laws of 1871, it being recited section 8 of act No. 156 of the session laws of 1875, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Read moved that the same be recommitted to the committee on State affairs;

Which motion prevailed,
Senate bill No. 121, entitled

A bill to authorize supervisors of townships to administer oaths in certain cases,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Packard,	Taylor,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morse,			18

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Hinchman,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,	
Breitung,	Markey,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,	
Freeman,				9

Pending the announcement of the vote,

Mr. Chamberlain moved that Mr. Newcomb be excused from voting;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Newcomb then voted as recorded above.

Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 126, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 84, of the session laws of 1851, approved April 4, 1851, entitled "An act to establish the township line between the townships of Clinton, and Harrison in the county of Macomb," so that the same shall read as follows,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Taylor,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	28

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 100, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the fire department of the city of Detroit," approved February 14, 1840, and acts amendatory thereto, approved January 14, 1859, approved March 16, 1861, approved April 3, 1869,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,			

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of Dwight Cutler, J. Q. Harris and 39 others, citizens of Ottawa county, in regard to lands in said county known as railroad lands, and asking for the passage of a law confirming the titles to said described lands, and ratifying the action of the Board of Control heretofore taken in regard thereto;

Also,

Petition of E. P. Ferry, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on railroads.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was recommitted

Senate bill No. 119, entitled

A bill to amend compiler's section 994 of the compiled laws of 1871, it being recited section 8 of act number 156 of the session laws of 1875, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Foote moved that the same be recommitted to the committee of the whole. Which motion prevailed.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 166 (printed No. 71), entitled

A bill to amend section 4, of chapter 163 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4548, relative to publication of notices of sales by executors,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively,

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same by adding to the end of section 22 the following words:

"*Provided further*, That companies so organized shall not take risks outside of the county where its headquarters or principal office is located," or any county adjoining said county;

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Morgan moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams, 24

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Mr. Perrin,
Title agreed to.

Mr. Redfield,

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On motion of Mr. Morgan,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit to the Senate the following bill:

House bill No. 134 (printed No. 61), entitled

A bill relative to the acquiring of title to lands occupied by railroad companies;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 325, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Millington:

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The rules requiring the second and third readings of bills to be on different days was suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Read,		27

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 13, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following communication :

To the Legislature of Michigan :

The undersigned delegation from the Upper Peninsula in the Legislature do invite the members and officers of the Michigan Legislature and the State officers to visit by excursion trip at such time during the coming summer as will best suit their pleasure the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, with a view to thereby in a social and unofficial capacity obtain a knowledge of that portion of our commonwealth.

R. H. OSBORN,

S. D. NORTH,

LESTER CURTISS,

EDWARD BREITUNG,

S. M. STEPHENSON,

A. C. DAVIS,

H. H. STAFFORD.

Also the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That a select joint committee, to consist of three from the House and two from the Senate, be appointed to confer with the delegation from the Upper Peninsula, as to the invitation extended by that delegation to the Legislature and State officers to visit that portion of the State;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

And further, to inform the Senate that Messrs. Phelps, Allen, and Little have been appointed as such committee on the part of the House, under the resolution.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the resolution; Which motion prevailed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 128, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of St. Andrews' Societies,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,
Andrus,
Baxter,
Breitung,
Burleigh,
Chamberlain,
D. R. Cook,

Mr. Wm. Cook,
Foote,
Freeman,
Hinchman,
Markey,
McElroy,
Morgan,

Mr. Morse,
Newcomb,
Osborn,
Packard,
Perrin,
Rankin,
Read,

Mr. Redfield,
Shoemaker,
Tyler,
Waterbury,
Wilcox,
Williams,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 128 (printed No. 77), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Bangor,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	28

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 129, entitled

A bill to authorize cities, incorporated towns, and townships, to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,		27

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Morgan moved to amend the title as follows:

By striking out the word "towns," and inserting the word "villages" in lieu thereof;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Morgan in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 116, entitled

A bill to authorize the incorporation of coöperative savings associations,
Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

2. Senate bill No. 41, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the erection of an addition to the Normal School building.

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the committees on Normal School and appropriations and finance, jointly.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

3. Senate bill No. 2, entitled

A bill to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of companies for mining, smelting, or manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal, and other ores, or minerals, and to fix the duties and liabilities of such corporations.

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on mines and minerals and mining interests.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

4. House bill No. 64 (printed No. 28), entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 4 of chapter 169 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's numbers 4721 and 4722, relative to intermarriage ;

5. Senate bill No. 92, entitled

A bill to amend sections 28, 29, 39, 47, 49, and 52, and to repeal sections 67 and 68 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ionia," approved March 21, 1873,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the first named bill, and the same was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the second named bill was referred to the committees on Normal School and appropriations and finance, jointly.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the third named bill was recommitted to the committee on mines and minerals and mining interests.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the fourth and fifth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

By unanimous consent Mr. Waterbury moved that the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the House to return to the Senate

House bill No. 324 (printed No. 175), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Vassar, subject to the provisions of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages," approved April 1, 1875;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, March 15, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Potter.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of H. Beach, A. P. Early, and 68 others, citizens of Muskegon county, and purchasers of and settlers upon railroad lands, praying that title to said lands be settled by confirming and ratifying action of the Board of Control of railroad lands in granting same to Port Huron & Lake Michigan Railroad Company;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom were referred

A large number of petitions, numerous signed, praying for settlement of title to lands known as railroad land grant lands, and for confirmation of the action of the board of control of railroad lands in regard to the same,

And the bill on the subject referred to not having been referred to this committee, but to the committee on judiciary, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that said petitions be referred to the committee on judiciary, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The petitions were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

House bill No. 83 (printed No. 93) entitled

A bill to promote the early construction of a railroad through the Menominee iron range,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment,

and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on supplies and miscellaneous expenses of the Senate:

The committee on supplies and miscellaneous expenses of the Senate, report the following bill:

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For labor done and material furnished under direction of the Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, which they have had under consideration, and directed me to report the same to the Senate, and recommend its allowance, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the Secretary was instructed to certify the bills for payment.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 124 (printed No. 82), entitled

A bill to amend section 86 of chapter 178 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5344, relative to adjournments of civil causes in justices' courts,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary.

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to ratify the action of the board of control of railroads of the State of Michigan and of the Governor of the State of Michigan, in disposing and conveying certain lands for railroad purposes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 11 of the session laws of 1869, relative to interest falling due on written contracts,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to respectfully request the return to the House of

Senate bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend act number 82 of the session laws of 1873, by adding one new section thereto, to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies, to insure property in cities and villages exclusively.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Baxter moved that the bill be returned to the House, in accordance with the above request;

Which motion prevailed.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 299 (printed No. 174), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Flushing;

2. House bill No. 403 (printed No. 152), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Cross village, in the county of Emmet, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be called the township of Readmond;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bills:

Senate bill No. 130, entitled

A bill providing for two voting precincts in the township of Calumet, in the county of Houghton, defining the limits thereof, providing for a new registration of the voters thereof, and determining who shall be inspectors of election therein;

Senate bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18, 1871;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 139 (printed No. 181), entitled

A bill to organize the township of Comins, in the county of Oscoda;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 14, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

House bill No. 453 (printed No. 193), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 3 of title 1, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ishpeming," approved April 10, 1873, and to amend section 6 of title 2, and section 19 of title 5 of act No. 395 of the laws of 1875, entitled "An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Ishpeming," approved May 30th, 1875;

House bill No. 220, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4, 6, 7, 42 and 58 of an act entitled "An act to

set off and incorporate a portion of the townships of Grand Haven and Spring Lake, in the county of Ottawa, into a city by the name of the city of Grand Haven," approved March 16, 1867, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereto;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first and second named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Waterbury moved that the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the House to return to the Senate

House bill No. 501 (printed No. 147), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Otsego Lake, in Otsego county, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of Hayes;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the rules be suspended, and that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 78, entitled

A bill for the protection and preservation of game;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Burleigh moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on State affairs;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Perrin moved that the rules be suspended, and that the motion be reconsidered by which the consideration of

Senate bill No. 26, entitled

A bill to provide for uniformity of text books in primary and graded schools, Was made the special order for this afternoon at half past two o'clock;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the motion to make the further consideration of the bill the special order for this afternoon at half past two o'clock,

Mr Perrin moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on education and public schools;

Which motion prevailed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate joint resolution No. 3, entitled

Joint resolution proposing amendments to section 7, Article VI., and to section 1, Article IX., of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit court, and limiting the number of circuits,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

House bill No. 64 (G. O. 28), entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 4 of chapter 169 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's numbers 4721 and 4722, relative to intermarriage;

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Read moved that there be a call of the Senate;

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the Senate was called by the Secretary, and the following Senators reported absent without leave:

Senators Burleigh, Taylor, and Wilcox.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched after the absentees.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Wilcox at the bar of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

Mr. Wilcox was admitted within the bar, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Burleigh at the bar of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

Mr. Burleigh was admitted within the bar, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Taylor at the bar of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

Mr. Taylor was admitted within the bar and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The bill was then not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Morse,	Taylor,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	16

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Hinchman,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Redfield,	
Wm. Cook,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Freeman,	Newcomb,	Read,		11

Senate bill No. 92, entitled

A bill to amend sections 28, 29, 39, 47, 49, and 52, and to repeal sections 67 and 68 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ionia," approved March 21, 1873,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,

Mr. Burch,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Rankin,	Mr. Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	EcElroy,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,			30
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 83 (printed No. 93) entitled

A bill to promote the early construction of a railroad through the Menominee iron range,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the further consideration of the same be made the special order for this afternoon;

Which motion prevailed.

The President announced as a special committee to act with the like committee of the House already appointed to confer with the delegation from the Upper Peninsula, as to the invitation extended by that delegation to the Legislature and State officers to visit that portion of the State, Senators Burleigh and Burch.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Burch moved that the rules be suspended, and that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of Senate bill No. 151, entitled

A bill relative to the salary of county clerks;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Burch moved that that the bill be re-committed to the committee on the judiciary.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The Senate took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of Robert Little and others, citizens of Muskegon county, praying for confirmation of titles to railroad lands, and of action of Board of Control of railroad lands in relation thereto;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on constitutional amendments:

The committee on constitutional amendments, to whom was referred

Joint resolution to amend the Constitution of the State by inserting a

provision in section 2 of Article X., empowering the Legislature to organize or discontinue any county composed wholly of islands,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 134 (printed No. 61), entitled

A bill relative to the acquiring of title to lands occupied by railroad companies,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 191 (printed No. 88), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act concerning bail in criminal cases," approved March 31, 1840, being compiler's section 7877 of the compiled laws of 1871, by adding a new section thereto to stand as section two of said act,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for a uniformity of text books in primary and graded schools,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended be reprinted, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Cook,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered reprinted, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills :

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7599 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to maliciously injuring houses or other buildings, etc. ;

Also,

A bill to amend section 4257 of the compiled laws of 1871, and act No. 46 of the session laws of 1875, approved March 20, 1875, to provide for recording patents of lands, and for other purposes ;

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, Jr., *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on cities and villages :

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

A bill to amend "An act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Jackson," approved April 24, 1875 ;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend sections 10, 18, and 19 of chapter 5, sections 2, 7, and 15 of chapter 6, section 8 of chapter 18, section 6 of chapter 20, section 11 of chapter 21, sections 6, 7, and 12 of chapter 22, section 10 of chapter 23, and sections 4, 5, and 20 of chapter 25, of act No. 358 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Jackson," approved April 24, 1875 ;

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the bill by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages :

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 299 (printed No. 174), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Flushing,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. H. HINCHMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The rule requiring the second and third readings of bills to be on different days was suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foots,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Rankin,		27
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the distribution of the Legislative Manual of 1877;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 89 (printed No. 34), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 169 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section No. 4719, relative to marriage and the solemnization thereof,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 457, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3, 4, and 31 of an act entitled "An act to revise

the charter of the city of Big Rapids," approved March 19, 1875, and to add ten new sections thereto, to stand as sections 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, and 77;

2. House bill No. 508, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Hartford, in the county of Van Buren;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The rule requiring the second and third readings of bills to be on different days was suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. McElroy moved that the same be referred to the committee on cities and villages;

Which motion prevailed.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 15, 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively,

Which was re-returned to the House by request, and now to inform the Senate that the House has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following joint resolution:

House joint resolution No. 13 (printed No. 4), entitled

Joint resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue a certificate of sale of certain Primary School Land to Geo. Dayton,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on public lands.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The number of Legislative Manuals now ordered published is found to be insufficient to furnish the members and officers of the Legislature with the usual number of copies, and also to the various officers connected with the several State boards and departments of our State government, and furnish a sufficient number of copies for the use of the State Library; therefore,

Resolved (the House concurring), That the compiler of the Legislative Manual be instructed to procure the publishing of 500 additional copies of said Manual, for the use of the Legislature, and to be disposed of as the Legislature may direct;

In the passage of which the House has not concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to re-transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 324 (printed No. 175), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Vassar, subject to the provisions of act No. 62 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act granting and defining the powers and duties of incorporated villages," approved April 1, 1875;

In accordance with a request of the Senate this day received asking for the same.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. McElroy moved to suspend the rules and reconsider the vote by which the Senate agreed to the title of said bill;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Waterbury moved to amend the title by adding thereto the words "and to repeal act No. 206 of the session laws of 1871, entitled 'An act to incorporate the village of Vassar,' approved March 2, 1871;"

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Read offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on rules and joint rules be instructed to report a rule for the government of the Senate, requiring any member making a motion to take a bill from the table, discharging the committee of the whole, or to take any bill from the regular order, shall give the No. of the bill and state the subject matter to which it refers;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Newcomb moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass

House bill No. 64 (printed No. 28), entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 4 of chapter 169, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's numbers 4721 and 4722, relative to intermarriage;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

It was then not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	McElroy,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Morse,	Perrin,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,				13

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Redfield,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Rankin,	Waterbury,	
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Read,	Wilcox,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,			14

Pending the announcement of the vote,

Mr. Markey moved that Mr. Tyler be excused from voting;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Tyler then voted as recorded above.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Being the consideration of

1. House bill No. 83 (printed No. 93), entitled

A bill to promote the early construction of a railroad through the Menominee Iron Range;

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the special order.

Mr. Read in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

House bill No. 83 (printed No. 93), entitled

A bill to promote the early construction of a railroad through the Menominee Iron Range;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,	28

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Perrin in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report :

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill :
Senate bill No. 127, entitled

A bill to protect fish and preserve the fisheries of this State,

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate and ask leave to sit again.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The committee were granted leave to sit again for the consideration of the bill.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

By unanimous consent, the President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 409, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1876, in the township of Howell, county of Livingston ;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The rule requiring the second and third readings of bills to be on different days was suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Redfield,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Taylor,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,
			28.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Senate then resumed business under the

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. Perrin in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

Senate bill No. 127, entitled

A bill to protect fish and preserve the fisheries of this State,

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on fisheries.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on fisheries.

Mr. Wm. Cook asked and obtained leave of absence for himself until Monday evening.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, March 16, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cooley.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Senators Chamberlain and Taylor.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Chamberlain for the day.

Mr. McElroy asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Taylor for the day.

Mr. McElroy asked and obtained leave of absence for himself after to-day until the 21st.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bills to the Governor, under the rules:

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7599 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to maliciously injuring houses or other buildings, etc.;

Also,

A bill to amend section 4257 of the compiled laws of 1871, and act No. 46 of the session laws of 1875, approved March 20, 1875, to provide for recording patents of lands, and for other purposes.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Perrin: Petition of Charles T. Hill and 60 others, purchasers of and settlers on railroad lands in Muskegon county, praying that title to said lands be settled by confirming and ratifying action of the Board of Control of railroad lands in granting same to Port Huron & Lake Michigan Railroad Company;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Burch: Petition of S. Moore and 12 others, in favor of a new judicial circuit;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Williams: Petition of John Fanning, Wm. Steele, Charles F. Austin, and 73 others, citizens of Albion, asking for the passage of House bill No. 91, requiring hotel keepers to place and keep in every room above the second story, a coil of rope for use as a fire escape;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 37 (printed No. 25), entitled

A bill to prohibit the sale of goods and merchandise in sealed packages,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 450 (printed No. 143), entitled

A bill to authorize the town board of the township of Byron, in the county of Kent, to lease the upper story of the town hall of said township to Halcyon Lodge No. 244 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the establishment, government, and control of union workhouses and almshouses,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to locate and establish district almshouses,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on railroads:

The committee on railroads, to whom was referred

A bill for the protection of stockholders in railroad corporations,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on federal relations:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred

A memorial praying that a better understanding may prevail between pioneers, so that they shall join hands and march on together to the sweet music of the union,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that no present action be taken in the premises, nor until the Senator who presented the memorial has attained sufficient age and experience to join such pioneers, when, by the charm of his presence and the music of his voice, your committee believe the object sought by the memorial will be accomplished, and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The memorial was laid on the table.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 403 (printed No. 152), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Cross village, in the county of Emmet, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be called the township of Readmond,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 139 (printed No. 181), entitled

A bill to organize the township of Comins, in the county of Oscoda,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The rules were suspended and the bill placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 5 (printed No. 89), entitled

A bill to establish a police force in the township of Grand Rapids,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that it be referred to the judiciary committee, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By the committee on cities and villages.

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 457, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3, 4, and 31 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Big Rapids," approved March 19, 1875, and to add ten new sections thereto, to stand as sections 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, and 77,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on claims and public accounts:

The committee on claims and public accounts to whom was recommitted

Senate joint resolution No. 7, entitled

Joint resolution providing for the payment of the balance due on certain adjudicated claims;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the joint resolution when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. M. McELROY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the joint resolution by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The joint resolution was then ordered re-printed and laid on the table.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill for the punishment of criminal offenses committed by convicts,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill relative to deeds and conveyances imperfectly acknowledged,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 15, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 449 (printed No. 218), entitled

A bill to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids, being amendatory of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Grand Rapids," approved April 2, 1850, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof;

2. House bill No. 430 (printed No. 173), entitled

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Cheboygan, in the county of Cheboygan;

3. House bill No. 602 (printed No. 182), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Evangeline, in the county of Charlevoix, and to organize the same into a separate township to be called Porter;

4. House bill No. 15 (printed No. 101), entitled

A bill to amend sections 33 and 39 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the village of Hudson," approved February 27th, 1867, and section 31 of said act as amended by act No. 272, approved April 15th, 1871, and as further amended by act No. 304, approved April 1st, 1875;

5. House bill No. 295 (printed No. 154) entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Burt in the county of Cheboygan, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of Tuscarora;

6. House bill No. 210 (printed No. 142), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Grant, in the county of Cheboygan, and to attach the same to the township of Duncan, in said county;

7. House bill No. 431 (printed No. 183) entitled

A bill to change the name of the township of Warner, in the county of Chipewewa, to the name of the township of Detour;

8. House bill No. 153 (printed No. 153), entitled

A bill to define the boundaries of Menominee county;

9. House bill No. 221 (printed No. 116), entitled

A bill to authorize John S. Malcomson et al. to build a dam across the outlet of Morrison Lake in the county of Ionia;

10. House bill No. 502 (printed No. 191), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Port Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac;

11. House bill No. 125 (printed No. 219), entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter 239 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 189 of the laws of 1873, approved April 29th, 1873, being section 7443 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of deputy sheriffs;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first, second, fourth and tenth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The third, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

The ninth named bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The eleventh named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Adair moved that the rules be suspended, and that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 259, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5, 7, and 9 of title 2 of an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to revise the charter of the city of Holland, being amendatory of an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Holland,' " approved March 25, 1867, approved March 23, 1871, which became a law April 2, 1873, approved April 1, 1875;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Morse offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourn to-day it stand adjourned until Monday, March 19th, at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Burch called for the yeas and nays.

The resolution was then agreed to, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Redfield,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	McElroy,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burleigh,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams, 16

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Perrin,
Burch,	Footo,	Newcomb,	Waterbury, 8

Mr. Andrus moved that the rules be suspended, and that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 188 (printed No. 184), entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Ada, in the county of Kent, to raise money to purchase the "Ada Bridge" across Grand River, in said township;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Rankin moved that the rules be suspended, and that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 161, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, and 34, of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Flint," approved March 20th, 1867, and to add a new section thereto;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 403 (G. O. 152), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Cross village to the county of Emmet and to organize the same into a separate township to be called the township of "Readmond;"

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Footo,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams, 24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 139 (printed No. 181), entitled

A bill to organize the township of Comins, in the county of Oscoda,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 188 (printed No. 184), entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Ada, in the county of Kent, to raise money to purchase the "Ada Bridge" across Grand River, in said township,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill 161, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, and 34 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Flint," approved March 20th, 1867, and to add a new section thereto,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Rankin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out in line 2 of section 1 the word "an," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "act No. 372 of the laws of 1867;"

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,

Mr. Burch,
D. R. Cook,

Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Rankin,

Mr. Williams,

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Rankin moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, and 34 of act No. 372 of the laws of 1867, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Flint," approved March 20, 1867, and to add a new section thereto;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 259, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5, 7, and 9 of article 2 of an act, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to revise the charter of the city of Holland, being amendatory of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Holland," approved March 25, 1867, approved March 23, 1871, which became a law April 2, 1873, approved April 1, 1875,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,
Andrus,
Baxter,
Breitung,
Burleigh,
Burch,

Mr. D. R. Cook,
Edsell,
Foote,
Freeman,
Jenney,
McElroy,

Mr. Morgan,
Morse,
Newcomb,
Osborn,
Packard,
Perrin,

Mr. Rankin,
Read,
Redfield,
Shoemaker,
Waterbury,
Williams, 24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Packard moved that the Senate adjourn;

Which motion prevailed, and the President announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Monday, March 19, at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

Lansing, Monday, March 19, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President, at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

Roll called : a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Senators Chamberlain, Wm. Cook, Jenney, Morgan, Morse, Redfield, Shoemaker, Tyler, and Wilcox.

Mr. Burleigh asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Tyler indefinitely, on account of sickness.

Mr. Read asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Chamberlain until Friday.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for the remaining Senators for the evening.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Perrin : Petition of J. H. Van Etten and 13 others, purchasers of and settlers on railroad lands in Ottawa county, praying that title to said lands be settled by confirming and ratifying action of the Board of Control of railroad lands in granting same to Port Huron & Lake Michigan Railroad Company ;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 16, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill :

Senate bill No. 115, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Cadillac, and repeal act No. 336 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 22, 1875 ;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, March 20, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bryant.

Roll called; a quorum present.

Absent without leave—Senators Wm. Cook, Jenney, Morse, Redfield, and Wilcox.

Mr. Shoemaker asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Redfield indefinitely, on account of sickness.

Mr. Baxter asked and obtained leave of absence for Messrs. Jenney and Wm. Cook for the day.

Mr. Shoemaker asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wilcox for the day.

Mr. Andrus asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Morse for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Andrus: Remonstrance of H. B. Sinclair, U. Snow, J. T. Thompson, and seven others, of Kent county, against the reënactment of the county superintendency law;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By the same: Memorial of Orville Reynolds, H. D. Sinclair, Peter Morse and 8 others, of Kent county, asking that the rate of interest on money be fixed at 7 per cent;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Shoemaker: Petition of Patton Morrison and 45 others, citizens of Jackson, against the re-establishment of the county superintendency of schools, and in favor of the present system of township superintendents;

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By Mr. Adair: Petition of the State cider maker's association, praying for the passage of a law to make 52 pounds the weight of a bushel of apples;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same: Remonstrance of John L. Near, W. S. Morey and 59 others, residents and tax-payers in the township of Brownstown, against any division of the county of Wayne;

Also,

Remonstrance of John W. Shore, John Springstead and 35 other citizens and voters of same township, for the same object.

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on counties and townships.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 578 of the compiled laws of 1871, in reference to the duties of coroners,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill

when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 77, entitled

A bill to prevent betting upon the result of any political nomination, appointment, or election,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was ordered reprinted, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 9 of an act entitled "An act further to preserve the purity of elections, and guard against the abuses of the elective franchise by registration of the electors," approved February 14, 1859, being section 167 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 16, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend section 48 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7599 of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to maliciously injuring houses or other buildings, etc.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 20, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 501 (printed No. 147), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Otsego Lake, in Otsego county, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of Hayes ;

In accordance with a request made by the Senate for the same.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Waterbury moved that rule 46, requiring that a motion to reconsider any vote must be made within two days of the taking of the same, be suspended, and to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill ;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Waterbury, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out in lines 3 and 4 of section 2, the words "as a board of inspectors of said township election," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "are hereby made and constituted a board of inspectors of said township election, and at such election the qualified voters shall vote for such officers as are by law to be elected at township meetings."

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting there for, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Read,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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NAYS.

Title agreed to.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 16, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill :

House bill No. 181, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Utica,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the special order.

Mr. Adair in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bill:

1. Senate bill No. 48, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of Act No. 27 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the approval of the official bonds of county officers by the board of supervisors;"

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 131, entitled

A bill to provide for the organization, regulation, and management of the asylums for the insane, and effectually to provide for the cure, maintenance, and recovery of the same,

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate, and ask leave to sit again.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first named bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The committee were granted leave to sit again for the consideration of the second named bill.

By unanimous consent Mr. Burch moved that the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the House to return to the Senate

House bill No. 457, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3, 4, and 31 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Big Rapids," approved March 19, 1875, and to add ten new sections thereto, to stand as sections 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, and 77;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Wm. Cook: Petition of Wm. Powell, mayor, and Dan'l Ross, chief engineer, of the city of Marshall, and hundreds of others, asking that House bill No. 91, relative to protection from fires in hotels, etc., do pass.

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 42 (printed No. 32), entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of chapter 206, being compiler's number 6567, of the compiled laws of 1871, relating to surrender of corporate rights,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read;

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Foote moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 198, entitled

A bill to ratify and confirm the action of the Board of Control of Railroads of the State of Michigan, and of the Governor of the State of Michigan, in disposing of and conveying certain lands for railroad purposes;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Foote,

The bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill number 48, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 27, of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the approval of the official bonds of county officers by the board of supervisors;"

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Wm. Cook,	Nelson,	Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Foote,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

GENERAL ORDER

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Adair in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 131, entitled

A bill to provide for the organization, regulation and management of the Asylums for the Insane, and effectually to provide for the cure, maintenance, and recovery of the insane;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on asylums for the insane.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 135, entitled

A bill to organize the public library of Bay City,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the first named bill, and the same was recommitted to the committee on asylums for the insane.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the second named bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Adair in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following joint resolutions:

1. House joint resolution No. 11 (printed No. 6), entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of John Y. Hicks, of the township of Pennfield, in Calhoun county, Michigan;

2. Senate Joint resolution No. 15, entitled

Joint resolution to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office, or other proper officer, to convey the south half of the southeast quarter of section sixteen in township number seven south of range six east to Johannes A. Le-fever, assignee of primary school land certificate number seven thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following joint resolutions:

3. House joint resolution No. 12 (printed No. 5), entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the trustees in behalf of the State, to convey to John B. Lancton, of Burns, Shiawassee county, Michigan, by quit-claim deed, the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 24, town 5 north, of range 3 east, Shiawassee county;

4. Senate joint resolution No. 16, entitled

Joint resolution to provide for the collection of any specific tax due this State from the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

5. Senate bill No. 133, entitled

A bill to amend the fifth and ninth clauses of section 9 of Article II. of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroads and other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State," approved May 1, 1873,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The third and fourth named joint resolutions were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first and second named joint resolutions, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, March 21, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: Petition of Millie Edmonds, Cora Clark, and 31 others, praying that the privileges of the Agricultural College may be extended to both sexes;

Also,

Petition of Lucy Kettle, Lovina Gillhespy, and 7 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of Michael Shanahan and 23 others for the same object ;

The petitions were referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

By the same : Petition of F. F. King and 8 others, for the passage of a law defining a bushel of apples to be 47 pounds ;

Also,

Petition of R. Van Wormer and 32 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of W. Fauckboner, Jr., and 11 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of Mrs. Elnathan Winn and 25 others for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of Sarchfield Crotty and 8 others for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of Jem Vandeworker and 17 others for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By the same : Remonstrance of Michael Shanahan and 22 others, against the reestablishment of the county school superintendency system.

Also,

Remonstrance of Charles Hogue and 2 others to the same effect.

Also,

Remonstrance of Thomas Gillhespy and 8 others to the same effect.

Also,

Remonstrance of Clara Clark, Marie Fell and 22 others to the same effect.

Also,

Remonstrance of J. Hobb and 9 others to the same effect.

The remonstrances were referred to the committee on education and public schools.

By the same : Petition of Michael Shanahan and 32 others, praying that all railroads in the State may be brought under the general railroad laws, and that uniform maximum rates for transportation of freights may be established according to distance of transportation ;

Also,

Petition of Jackson McKay, F. W. Smith, and 15 others of Lapeer county, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of F. F. King and J. Helmick, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of Lucy Kettle, Lovina Gillhespy, and 7 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of Stella Pullen, Cora Clark, and 29 others, for the same object ;

The petitions were referred to the committee on railroads.

By the same : Petition of Stella Pullen, Emma Miller, and 22 others, for the passage of a law restricting the rate of interest to 7 per cent ;

Also,

Petition of Lucy Kettle, Lovina Gillhespy, and 7 others, for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of J. F. Cobb and 11 others for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of J. W. Wing and 16 others for the same object ;

Also,

Petition of L. A. Gates and 16 others for the same object;

Also,

Petition of Michael Shanahan, Daniel Hickey, and 30 others, for the same object.

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Tyler: Petition of the bar of Bay county, for the reorganization of the eighteenth judicial circuit, and for the creation of a new circuit;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Foote: Remonstrance of Whitney & Stinchfield, Rust, Eaton & Co., and others, owners of more than 7,700 acres of land in the town of Sheridan, against detaching any portion of said township, as proposed by House bill No. 198;

Mr. Foote moved that the remonstrance be printed at length in the journal; Which motion prevailed.

The following is the remonstrance:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned, owners of lands in the town of Sheridan, Ularé Co., Mich., to the extent of the number of acres set opposite our respective names or firms, do most earnestly protest against the detaching of any portion of said town as contemplated by House bill No. 198:

<i>Owners.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>
Whitney & Stinchfield.....	6,180
B. B. Bartlett.....	600
Rust, Eaton & Co., and Rust & Hay.....	800
G. Corning.....	120
D. Whitney, Jr.,.....	80
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Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 39 (printed No. 79), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 12 of chapter 67, being sections 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, and 2127 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the destruction of wolves and other noxious animals;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to incorporate the city of Cadillac, and repeal act No. 336 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 22d, 1875;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18th, 1871;

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. S. FREEMAN, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on the judiciary.

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 168 (printed No. 75), entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 167, being section 4706 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the filing of chattel mortgages;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for literary and scientific purposes," approved April 21, 1865, being chapter 112 of the compiled laws of 1871, exempting libraries from execution, and making directors liable for debts contracted by them,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bills to the Governor, under the rules:

A bill to incorporate the city of Cadillac, and repeal act No. 336 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 22, 1875;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18th, 1871.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 20, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 138 (printed No. 60), entitled

A bill relative to divorces,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 20, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 35, entitled

A bill to provide for or facilitate the incorporation of military or light guard companies, for certain purposes,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Read,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 20, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 58, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of act No. 517 of the session laws of 1867, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Houghton," approved March 28, 1867;

2. Senate bill No. 67, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 368, of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Michigamme," approved April 27, 1875;

3. Senate bill No. 72, entitled

A bill to change the name of the township of Deerfield, in Van Buren county, from Deerfield to Covert;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 20, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 193 (printed No. 106), entitled

A bill to amend section 12 of an act entitled "An act to organize Union school district of the city of Alpena," approved April 4, 1873;

2. House bill (reprint) No. 140 (printed No. 194), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend section 5 of chapter 24 of the compiled laws of 1871, being an act relative to persons liable to work on highways, and making assessment therefor," as amended by act No. 179 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 1st, 1875;

3. House bill No. 192 (printed No. 96), entitled

A bill to amend sections 4, 5, 29, and 50, of act number 249, laws of 1871, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Alpena," approved March 29, 1871, and section 57 of said act number 249, as amended by section 1 of act number 263, laws of 1873, approved April 22, 1873;

4. House bill No. 154 (printed No. 208), entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Menominee, in the county of Menominee, to maintain a fire department in the unincorporated village of Menominee, in said township, and to appropriate certain moneys to the payment of the expenses thereof;

5. House bill No. 158 (printed No. 85), entitled

A bill for the relief of parties to certain judgments in the superior court of Detroit;

6. House bill No. 135 (printed No. 87), entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 21 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 970, in regard to a uniform assessment of property;

7. House bill No. 21 (printed No. 224), entitled

A bill to further amend section 1, of chapter 64 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 2093;

8. House bill No. 369 (printed No. 226), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Lansing," approved March 25th, 1875;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education and public schools.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The third, fourth and eighth named bills were read a first and second time by their titles, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The fifth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The sixth named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on appropriations and finance.

The seventh named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Burch offered the following resolution :

Whereas, The Senate passed House bill No. 457, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3, 4, and 31 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Big Rapids," approved March 19, 1875, and to add ten new sections thereto, to stand as sections 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, and 77,

Under a misrepresentation of the facts, having suspended its rules for that purpose; and

Whereas, A request was made by the Senate for the House of Representatives to return said bill to the Senate on the 20th day of March, which request was not complied with upon the part of the House;

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be and hereby is again most respectfully requested to suspend its rules, and request the return of said bill from the Governor, and if so returned to the House, to return the same to the Senate for further consideration;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Waterbury moved that

House bill No. 501, (printed No. 147), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Otsego Lake, in Otsego county, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of Hayes;

Which was passed by the Senate yesterday, be ordered to take immediate effect.

Which motion prevailed, by two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

Mr. Tyler moved to take from the table the following :

Senate bill No. 125, entitled

A bill to re-organize the 18th judicial circuit, and create the 22d judicial circuit;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Breitung,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Hinchman,	Morse,	Taylor,
Burch,	Jenney,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Wm. Cook.	Markey,	Osborn,	Williams,
Foote,			

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Packard,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Baxter,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	12

The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Tyler moved to amend the title so as to read as follows :

A bill to organize the 18th judicial circuit, and create the 23d judicial circuit ;
Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Mr. Tyler moved that the bill be ordered to take immediate effect.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor.

Mr. Baxter moved to take from the table the following :

Senate joint resolution No. 3, entitled

Joint resolution proposing amendments to section 7, Article VI., and to section 1, Article IX., of the Constitution of this State, relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit court, and limiting the number of circuits,

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the same be recommitted to the committee on constitutional amendments.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Perrin offered the following concurrent resolution :

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Auditor General be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, to Allen L. Bours, for compiling the Legislative manual and preparing diagrams and maps for the same, pursuant to a concurrent resolution passed by the Legislature, and that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Which was adopted.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 135, entitled

A bill to organize the public library of Bay City,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	28

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House joint resolution No. 11 (printed No. 6), entitled
Joint resolution for the relief of John Y. Hicks, of the township of Penn-
field, Calhoun county, Michigan,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting
therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Andrus,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Read,		23

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Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Nelson,	4
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Title and preamble agreed to.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Cook,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate joint resolution No. 15, entitled

A joint resolution to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office, or other proper officer, to convey the south half of the southeast quarter of section sixteen, in township number seven south of range six east to Johannes A. Lefever, assignee of primary school land certificate number seven thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,	
Breitung,	Markey,	Osborn,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Williams,	16

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Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Tyler,	12

Mr. Newcomb moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the joint resolution.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution,

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

House joint resolution No. 12 (printed No. 5), entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the trustees in behalf of the State to convey to John B. Lanckton of Burns, Shiawassee county, Michigan, by quit-claim deed, the west half of southeast quarter of section 24, town 5 north, of range 3 east, Shiawassee county,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Newcomb,	Mr. Tyler,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Shoemaker,		19

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Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Burleigh,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Nelson,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	McElroy,	Rankin,	8

Pending the announcement of the vote,

Mr. Waterbury moved that Mr. Foote be excused from voting ;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Foote then voted as recorded above.

Mr. Waterbury moved that Mr. Newcomb be excused from voting ;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Newcomb then voted as recorded above.

Title and preamble agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate joint resolution No. 16, entitled

Joint resolution to provide for the collection of any specific tax due this State from the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	28

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Title and preamble agreed to.

Senate bill No. 133, entitled

A bill to amend the fifth and ninth clauses of section 9 of article 2, of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroads and other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State," approved May 1, 1873,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Edsell moved that the same be recommitted to the committee on railroads, with instructions to add the following proviso to the bill :

Provided further, That in transporting cars loaded with lumber, shingles, plaster, or produce, where the distance is six miles or more, no railroad company shall charge more than fifty cents per mile for each car so conveyed, and excepting from this proviso all railroads in the Upper Peninsula ;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Foote, by unanimous consent, moved to take from the table the following:

Senate joint resolution No. 15, entitled

Joint resolution to authorize the Commissioner of State Land Office, or other proper officer, to convey the south half of the southeast quarter of section 16, in township No. 7 south, of range 6 east, to Johannes A. Lefever, assignee of primary school land certificate No. 7989;

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Foote, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the joint resolution by inserting after the word "described," in the 5th line, the words, "subject to all the rights of the said Joseph Hague thereto;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baxter, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the joint resolution by striking out the words "and directed," in line 2 of the resolution.

The joint resolution was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Wm. Cook,	Morse,	Rankin,	Williams,
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Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard,
Burch,			
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Title and preamble agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Williams: Petition of Alexander Campbell, Charles Russell, and 57 others, citizens of the counties of Antrim and Kalkaska, asking for an appropriation of State swamp lands to construct a wagon road connecting the Traverse City and Emmet county State road with the Torch Lake and Otsego State road;

Also,

Petition of Alexander O. Campbell, Aaron Essex, and fifty other citizens of same counties, for the same object;

Also,

Petition of John B. Hartwell, John Adair, and 49 other citizens of same counties, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on public lands.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to amend act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 15, 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages;

Also,

A bill providing for two voting precincts for the township of Calumet, in the county of Houghton, defining the limits thereof, providing for a new registration of the voters thereof, and determining who shall be inspectors of election therein;

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bills to the Governor under the rules:

A bill to amend act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 15, 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages;

Also,

A bill providing for two voting precincts for the township of Calumet, in the county of Houghton, defining the limits thereof, providing for a new registration of the voters thereof, and determining who shall be inspectors of election therein.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 20, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act providing for two voting precincts for the township of Calumet, in the county of Houghton, defining the limits thereof, providing for a new registration of the voters thereof, and determining who shall be inspectors of election therein;

An act to incorporate the city of Cadillac, and to repeal act No. 336 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 22, 1875.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 9, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend sections 18, 23, and 32 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Red Jacket, in Houghton county," approved March 19, 1875.

An act to amend section 254 of the compiled laws, being an act to establish the rate of fees to be charged by the Auditor General, for furnishing transcripts, lists, abstracts, and certificates.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 20, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, Provision has been made by concurrent resolution for the publication of five hundred copies of the report of the joint committee of the House and Senate on the defalcation in the chemical laboratory of the University and the evidence taken therein; and

Whereas, In said concurrent resolution a part of said reports, with the evidence, are left to be distributed by the Librarian, under the direction of the Governor and Secretary of State; therefore

Resolved (by the House, the Senate concurring), That two additional copies be furnished to each member of the Legislature for distribution in the several districts, and the remaining copies be left in the hands of the State Librarian;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Newcomb moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the resolution.

Which motion prevailed.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 21, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill: Senate bill No. 44, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 336 of the session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the village of Wayland," approved March 30, A. D. 1869, and to add a new section thereto to stand as section 47;

And to inform the Senate that the House has amended the same by striking out all of recited section No. 47;

And also to inform the Senate that the House has amended the title to

the same by striking off of the end thereof the following words: "And to add a new section thereto to stand as section 47;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Edsell moved that the Senate concur in the amendments made to the bill by the House;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	24

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On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the title of the bill by the House.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 21, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 43, entitled

A bill to amend sections two and five, of article fourteen, and sections one, two, and three, of article fifteen, and section one, of article sixteen, of act number two hundred and ninety, of the session laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, being an act to incorporate the village of St. Johns;

2. Senate bill No. 161, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 4, and 34 of act No. 372 of the session laws of 1867, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Flint," approved March 20, 1867, and to add a new section thereto;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 21, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill 339 (printed No. 168), entitled

A bill to compel the Detroit and Saline Plank Road Company to construct a fence protecting travelers upon said road along the river Rouge,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Morgan moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 167, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for completing the new State capitol, and for the electrician work for said building.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Morgan,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
Edsell,	Morse,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morgan,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Williams in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 136, entitled

A bill to amend an act to prevent the sale or delivery of intoxicating liquors, wine and beer, to minors and to drunken persons, and to habitual drunkards; to provide a remedy against persons selling liquor to husbands or children in certain cases, approved May 3, 1875, the same being act No. 231, of the session laws of 1875;

2. Senate bill No. 145, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 188 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5954, relative to proof of demand in suit;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

3. Senate bill No. 139, entitled

A bill to amend section 5545, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace;

4. House bill No. 190 (printed No. 95), entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Menominee to regulate or prohibit auctions, and to license the same within the limits of said incorporated village of Menominee, in said township;

5. Senate bill No. 140, entitled

A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to provide for the opening and improvement of roads on the line between adjoining townships," being section 1214 of the compiled laws of 1871;

6. Senate bill No. 141, entitled

A bill to authorize the judge of probate of Jackson county to appoint a probate register, and prescribing his duties and compensation;

7. Senate bill No. 142, entitled

A bill to amend section 7449 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act number 135 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, in relation to fees of appraisers, commissioners, and others;

8. Senate bill No. 143, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of control of State swamp lands to make an appropriation to repair, preserve, and reconstruct a part of the Cass River and Bay City State road;

9. Senate bill No. 144, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 230, of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 5539, relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace;

10. House bill No. 100 (printed No. 56), entitled

A bill to authorize any company that may be formed under the general laws of this State for the purpose of building a plank, wood, block, gravel, or stone road from some point on Griswold street, in the city of Port Huron, to the northwest corner of section 17, in town 6 north, of range 16 east, or to any point farther west, to charge and receive tolls for travel on said road at the rate of three cents a mile for double teams, and one-half that rate for single teams, for the period of six years;

11. Senate bill No. 146, entitled

A bill to provide for a probate register for the county of Monroe;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:
12. Senate bill No. 147, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of an act entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon," being section 981 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following joint resolutions:

1. House joint resolution No. 40, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of New Buffalo, Berrien county, State of Michigan;

2. House joint resolution No. 37, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the making of a harbor of refuge at Grand Maria harbor, on Lake Superior;

3. House joint resolution No. 38, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for improvement to the harbor at Saugatuck, in Allegan county;

4. House joint resolution No. 46, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at Holland, in the county of Ottawa, and State of Michigan;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate and recommend their passage.

F. R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh named bills, and the four named joint resolutions were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first and second named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause in the twelfth named bill, and the title and enacting clause were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, March 22, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cook.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Shoemaker: Petition of Victoria C. Starling, O. T. Headley, D. R. Holley, and 52 other citizens of Shiawassee county, asking that suitable accommodations may be made for the admission of women to the Agricultural College;

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

By Mr. Morgan: Remonstrance of Chas. Upson, C. D. Randall, H. C. Lewis, and others, against the passage of Senate bill No. 122, entitled a bill to reorganize the board of education of the city of Coldwater.

Mr. Morgan moved that the remonstrance be printed on the journal.

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the remonstrance:

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned, residents and tax-payers of the city of Coldwater, hereby respectfully remonstrate against the passage of Senate bill No. 122, entitled

A bill to reorganize the Board of Education of the city of Coldwater.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Dated March, 1877.

HENRY C. LEWIS,
E. R. CLARK,
C. D. RANDALL,
S. S. SCOVILL,
GEO. STARR,
D. B. DENNIS,
CHAS. STARR,
CHAS. UPSON,
W. H. STEVENS,
N. P. LOVERIDGE,
JOHN P. GILBERTS,
GEO. D. FORD,
GEO. H. BARBER,
D. H. DAVIS,
H. H. BARLOW,
J. A. ROSE,
WM. A. COOMBS,
W. BENNETT,
DEWITT COOK,
DARIUS W. TINKHAM,
H. BROADHEAD,
J. B. PEARCE,

L. P. WILCOX,
A. V. HUNT,
GILBERT SHERMAN,
JOHN P. FISK,
B. RODMAN,
H. COBETT,
J. F. PRATT,
D. C. POWERS,
JOHN MURPHEY,
S. S. CUTTER,
T. H. WURTZ,
U. BLODGET,
S. W. BLODGETT,
T. M. PARRISH,
E. H. DUNKS,
FRANK D. NEWBERRY,
F. M. BISSELL,
A. S. ROWELL,
A. R. BURROWS,
PHILLIP F. FAUDE,
DAVID FULLER,
JOHN HALT,

R. F. MOCKBRIDGE,	A. WATERHOUSE,
S. M. SEELEY,	MAJOR D. WILLIAMS,
W. L. SMITH,	F. P. PRATT,
A. A. DOERRANCE,	M. MANSFIELD,
J. K. JUNK,	

Referred to the committee on education and public schools.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was recommitted Senate bill No. 116, entitled

A bill to authorize the incorporation of co-operative savings associations,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 147 (printed No. 90), entitled

A bill to amend section 29, of chapter 47 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "county drain law," being compiler's section 1773,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with an amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 12 of chapter 47, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1756, relating to sale of lands for county drain taxes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

House bill No. 193 (printed No. 106), entitled

A bill to amend section 12 of an act entitled "An act to organize union school district of the city of Alpena," approved April 4, 1873,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to amend act No. 138, approved April 27th, 1875, being an act to amend sections 1, 2, and 3 of chapter 65 of an act entitled an act to authorize dissection in certain cases for the advancement of science, being sections 2110, 2111, and 2112 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on education and public schools:

The committee on education and public schools, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 3705 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the qualification of school district officers,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. B. C. NEWCOMB, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Alabaster, in Iosco county, and organize the same into a separate township to be known as the township of Yucker,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The rules were suspended and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Burleigh, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "Yucker" wherever it appears and inserting "Tyler" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Tyler moved to amend the amendment by substituting the word "Burleigh" in place of "Tyler;"

Which motion prevailed.

The amendment as thus amended was then agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams, 26
Edsell,	Morse,		

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Mr. Burleigh,

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Tyler moved to amend the title as follows:

By striking out "Yucker" and inserting the word "Burleigh" in lieu thereof.

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 295 (printed No. 154), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Burt in the county of Cheboygan, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of Tuscarora;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on constitutional amendments:

The committee on constitutional amendments, to whom was referred

Joint resolution proposing amendments to section 7, Article VI., and to section 1, Article IX. of the constitution of this State relative to the salaries of the judges of the circuit courts, and limiting the circuits,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the joint resolution when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. E. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the joint resolution by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Williams moved to take from the table the following:

House bill No. 295 (printed No. 154), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Burt, in the county of Cheboygan, and organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of Tuscarora;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 602 (printed No. 182), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present township of Evangeline, in the county of Charlevoix, and to organize the same into a separate township to be called Porter;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,		26

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 503 (printed No. 176), entitled

A bill to revise and amend the charter of the city of Port Huron,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Shoemaker,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,		27

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, relative to establishing water courses and locating ditches or drains,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 5 (printed No. 89), entitled

A bill to establish a police force in the city of Grand Rapids,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of State be instructed at the earliest practical moment after the close of the present session of the Legislature, to forward to each probate judge in the State, to the superior courts of Detroit and Grand Rapids, and to each prosecuting attorney in the State one copy of all the general acts ordered to take immediate effect; said acts to be printed and bound in pamphlet form;

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The resolution was laid on the table.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The Senate passed House bill No. 457, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3, 4, and 31, of an act entitled "An act to revise

the charter of the city of Big Rapids," approved March 19, 1875, and to add ten new sections thereto, to stand as sections 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, and 77,

Under a misrepresentation of the facts, having suspended its rules for the purpose; and

Whereas, A request was made by the Senate for the House of Representatives to return said bill to the Senate on the 20th day of March, which request was not complied with on the part of the House;

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be and hereby are again most respectfully requested to suspend its rules and request the return of said bill from the Governor, and if so returned to the House, to return the same to the Senate for further consideration.

And to inform the Senate that the House cannot agree to grant the request.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The message was laid on the table.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Morse moved that the rules be suspended and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 198 (printed No. 108), entitled

A bill to organize the township of "Hayes" in the county of Clare;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The rules were suspended and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Morse, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by adding to section 2 the words "and at such election the qualified voters shall elect by ballot persons to fill the various township offices, in manner and form as provided by the general laws of this State in case of township elections;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Foote, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out in line 3, section 1, the words "number three (3) and;"

Which was not agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Packard,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Perrin,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Rankin,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Read,
Burch,	Markey,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,		

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Mr. Foote,	Mr. Tyler,	Mr. Waterbury,	Mr. Williams,
Shoemaker,			
Title agreed to.			

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On motion of Mr. Morse,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 136, entitled

A bill to amend an act to prevent the sale or delivery of intoxicating liquors, wine, and beer to minors, and to drunken persons, and to habitual drunkards: to provide a remedy against persons selling liquor to husbands or children in certain cases, approved May 3, 1875, the same being act No. 231 of the session laws of 1875,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Williams, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by inserting in line 2, after the word "minor," the words "or Indian."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Williams, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by inserting after the word "Sunday," in line 10, the following: "On all days when any election is held within this State under the constitution or laws thereof;"

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Foote, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by inserting in line 9 of section 1, after the word "closed," the words "and no spirituous or intoxicating liquors shall be sold or given away thereat or elsewhere in this State;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Williams moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to agree to the amendment inserting in line 10 the words "on all days when any election is held within this State under the constitution or laws thereof;"

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment,

The same was not agreed to.

Mr. Williams, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out in line 24, the words "all prosecutions under this act for the unlawful sale of liquors on election days shall be commenced within sixty days after the offense was committed."

Mr. Shoemaker called for the yeas and nays.

The amendment was then agreed to, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Perrin,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Rankin,
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	McElroy,		

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Shoemaker,	Wilcox,

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The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Baxter,	Foote,	Morse,	Shoemaker,
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burch,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Wm. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams, 24

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Mr. Adair, Mr. Osborn, 2

The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Shoemaker moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 231 of the session laws of 1875, entitled "An act to prevent the sale or delivery of intoxicating liquors, wine, and beer to minors, and to drunken persons, and to habitual drunkards; to provide a remedy against persons selling liquor to husbands or children in certain cases," approved May 3, 1875, and to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks on days of election;

Which motion prevailed.

The title, as amended, was then agreed to.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the bill be ordered to take immediate effect;

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Burch: Petition of George Earl and 14 other citizens of Wexford county, in favor of a new judicial circuit;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on judiciary:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 125 (printed No. 219), entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter 239 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 189 of the laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, being section 7443 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the fees of deputy sheriffs,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 167, entitled

A bill making appropriation for completing the new State capitol, and for the electrician work for said building,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (The House of Representatives concurring), 'That the Auditor General be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant on the State Treasurer for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, to Allen L. Bours, for compiling the Legislative Manual and preparing diagrams and maps for the same, pursuant to a concurrent resolution passed by the Legislature, and that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated;

In the passage of which the House has concurred.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Adair moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 214, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Wyandotte," being act number 297 of the session laws of 1867, approved March 5, 1867, as amended by act number 330 of the session laws of 1869, approved March 22, 1869, as amended by act number 246 of the session laws of 1873,

approved April 4, 1873, as amended by act number 367 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 27, 1875.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Perrin,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Rankin,	
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Osborn,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,	24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Burch moved to take from the table the following :

Senate joint resolution No. 7, entitled

Joint resolution providing for the payment of the balance due on certain adjudicated claims.

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin moved that the joint resolution be recommitted to the committee of the whole ;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Morse offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the daily session of the Senate shall commence at 9½ o'clock, A. M., until otherwise directed ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to take from the table the following :

Senate bill No. 75, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1856, being section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to salary of judges of probate.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was then not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Perrin,	Mr. Tyler,
Burch,	Morgan,	Read,	Wilcox,
Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,	Williams,
Markey,			

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Packard,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Rankin,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
D. R. Cook,			

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By unanimous consent the committee on cities and villages submitted the following report:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 449 (printed No. 218), entitled

A bill to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids, being amendatory of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Grand Rapids," approved April 2d, 1850, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The rules were suspended and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Read,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Williams moved to take from the table the following:

Senate bill No. 74, entitled

A bill to provide the forms for deeds and mortgages;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was then not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Baxter,	Mr. Burch, Burleigh, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Edsell, McElroy, Newcomb,	Mr. Packard, Read, Williams,	12
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Mr. Breitung, D. R. Cook, Foote, Freeman,	Mr. Jenney, Markey, Morgan, Morse,	Mr. Nelson, Osborn, Perrin, Rankin,	Mr. Shoemaker, Tyler, Waterbury, Wilcox,	16
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Mr. Perrin moved to take from the table the following:

House bill No. 168 (printed No. 75), entitled

A bill to amend section 10, chapter 167, being section 4706 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the filing of chattel mortgages.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 145, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 188 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5954, relative to proof of demand in suit,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, Burleigh, Burch, D. R. Cook,	Mr. Wm. Cook, Edsell, Foote, Freeman, Jenney, Markey, McElroy,	Mr. Morgan, Morse, Nelson, Newcomb, Osborn, Packard, Perrin,	Mr. Rankin, Read, Shoemaker, Tyler, Wilcox, Williams,	27
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 139, entitled

A bill to amend section 5545 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Baxter, Breitung, Burch, D. R. Cook, Wm. Cook,	Mr. Edsell, Freeman, Jenney, Markey, McElroy,	Mr. Morgan, Morse, Osborn, Packard, Perrin,	Mr. Rankin, Read, Shoemaker, Tyler, Wilcox,	21
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Mr. Andrus, Mr. Williams,

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 190 (printed No. 95), entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Menominee to regulate or prohibit auctions, and to license the same within the limits of said incorporated village of Menominee in said township,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,
Baxter,	Footo,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 140, entitled

A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to provide for the opening and improvement of roads on the line between adjoining townships," being section 1214 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Adair moved that the same be recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges;

Which motion prevailed.

Senate bill No. 141, entitled

A bill to authorize the judge of probate of Jackson county to appoint a probate register, and prescribing his duties and compensation,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

Senate bill No. 142, entitled

A bill to amend section 7449 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 135 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 29, 1873, in relation to fees of appraisers, commissioners, and others,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Footo,	Morse,	Read,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,

Mr. Burch,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,				25
NAYS.				0

Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 143, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of control of State swamp lands to make an appropriation to repair, preserve, and reconstruct a part of the Cass River and Bay City State road,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Williams, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out in lines two and three the words "twenty thousand acres of any State swamp land in the Lower Peninsula, or so much thereof as may be necessary to repair or rebuild," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "so many acres of State swamp lands in the Lower Peninsula, not exceeding fifteen thousand acres, as they may deem proper after a full investigation of its merits, to aid in repairing or rebuilding;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Baxter moved that the bill be referred to the committee on appropriations and finance;

Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Shoemaker,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Rankin,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Read,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,			22

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Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Osborn,	3
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President called the President *pro tem.* to the chair.

Senate bill No. 144, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 230 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being compiler's section 5539, relative to criminal proceedings before justices of the peace,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Foote,	Morse,	Read,

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			25

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Foote moved that the bill be ordered to take immediate effect,

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor.

House bill No. 100 (printed No. 56), entitled

A bill to authorize any company that may be formed under the general laws of this State for the purpose of building a plank, wood, block, gravel or stone road from some point on Griswold street in the city of Port Huron, to the northwest corner of section 17, in town 6 north, of range 16 east, or to any point farther west, to charge and receive tolls for travel on said road at the rate of three cents a mile for double teams, and one-half that rate for single teams, for the period of six years;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Dr. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 146, entitled

A bill to provide for a probate register for the county of Monroe,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,	Morse,		
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Mr. McElroy,
Title agreed to.

House joint resolution No. 40, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of New Buffalo, Berrien county, State of Michigan,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	28

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Title and preamble agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President resumed the chair.

House joint resolution No. 37, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the making of a harbor of refuge at Grand Maria harbor, on Lake Superior,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	28

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Title and preamble agreed to.

Mr. Adair moved that the joint resolution be ordered to take immediate effect;

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor.

House joint resolution No. 38, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at Saugatuck, in Allegan county;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Tyler,

Mr. Breitung,	Mr. Jenney,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams.	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,		27

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Title and preamble agreed to.

House joint resolution No. 46, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at Holland, in the county of Ottawa and State of Michigan,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Wilcox,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Packard,	Williams,	
D. R. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,		27

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Title and preamble agreed to.

Mr. Packard, by unanimous consent, moved that the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the House to return to the Senate,

House bill No. 76 (printed No. 126), entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Dowagiac;

Which motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Wilcox moved to take from the table the title and enacting clause of

Senate bill No. 147, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of an act entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon," being section 981 of the compiled laws of 1871.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Wilcox moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred in the action of the committee of the whole in striking out all after the enacting clause of said bill.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on concurring in the action of the committee of the whole in striking out all after the enacting clause of the bill,

The same was not concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Foote in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 132, entitled

A bill to provide for the division of the township of Hamtramck, Wayne county, into two districts for general election purposes;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 65, entitled

A bill to provide for an assistant to the State Librarian, and for the expense of the removal of the State Library to the rooms designed therefor in the new capitol;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 134, entitled

A bill to authorize the construction of railways from mills and manufactories to other railroads, by corporations and individuals, and to provide for the organization of corporations for the purpose;

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate, and ask leave to sit again.

D. P. FOOTE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first named bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The second named bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

Leave was granted the committee to sit again for the consideration of the third named bill.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, March 23, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 9 o'clock A. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Senators Wm. Cook and Freeman.

Mr. Read asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wm. Cook indefinitely, on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Osborn asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Freeman until the 28th.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Adair: Remonstrance of J. L. Wallace, A. Webb, and 91 other citizens of Brownstown, Wayne county, against any division of the county of Wayne;

Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State House of Correction:

The committee on State House of Correction, to whom was recommitted

Senate bill No. 56, entitled

A bill to regulate and govern the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia,

With instructions to so amend the same as to provide for the office of treasurer of said institution,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. D. NELSON, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered reprinted, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 571, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Chesaning, in the county of Saginaw, and attach the same to the township of Brady in said county,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to define and limit the term of office of officers and commissioners appointed by the Governor in cases not otherwise defined and limited,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with an amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 403 (printed No. 173), entitled

A bill to reincorporate the village of Cheboygan, in the county of Cheboygan,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 502 (printed No. 191), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Port Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 508, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Hartford, in the county of Van Buren,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so

amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the amendments to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Read,
Baxter,	Foots,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 369 (printed No. 226), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Lansing," approved March 25, 1875.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House manuscript bill No. 220, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4, 6, 7, 42, and 58 of an act entitled "An act to set off and incorporate a portion of the townships of Grand Haven and Spring Lake, in the county of Ottawa, into a city by the name of the city of Grand Haven," approved March 16, 1867, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill

when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Footo,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House manuscript bill No. 181, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Utica,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 154 (printed No. 208), entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Menominee, in the county of Menominee, to maintain a fire department in the unincorporated village of Menominee, in said township, and to appropriate certain moneys to the payment of the expenses thereof;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments, thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 140 (printed No. 194), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend section 5 of chapter 24 of the compiled laws of 1871, being an act relative to persons liable to work on highways, and making assessment therefor," as amended by act No. 179 of the session laws of 1875, approved May 1st, 1875.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments, thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Burch, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "and fifty," in line 15 of the second subdivision of recited section 5;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Perrin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,			

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Mr. Baxter,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Jenney,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 210 (printed No. 142), entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Grant, in the county of Cheboygan, and to attach the same to the township of Duncan, in said county,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Footo,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 22, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend section 4257 of the compiled laws of 1871, and act number 46 of the session laws of 1875, approved March 20, 1875, to provide for recording patents of lands, and for other purposes;

An act to amend sections 14, 25, 28, and 38, and to add four new sections, to stand as sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Cedar Springs," approved March 18th, 1871.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Lansing, March 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate bill No. 125, entitled

A bill to reorganize the eighteenth judicial circuit, and create the twenty-third judicial circuit;

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all

the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect; and further to ask the concurrence of the Senate in giving immediate effect to the bill.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills.

1. Reprint of House bill No. 84 (printed No. 252), entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Menominee to repair the existing bridge across the Menominee river.

2. Reprint of House bill No. 38 (printed No. 86), entitled

A bill to amend section 69 of the charter of the city of Owosso, approved February 15th, 1859.

3. House bill No. 234 (printed No. 245), entitled

A bill for the relief of William Fohey of the city of Ann Arbor, and for the discharge of a mortgage held by the State upon his property.

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on cities and villages.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 22, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 114 (printed No. 53), entitled

A bill to protect the primary elections of voluntary political associations, and to punish frauds therein;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Jenney moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 183, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the support of the State Agricultural College, to pay the expenses of the State Board of Agriculture, to erect a new hall, and for repairs and other improvements at the State Agricultural College;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Jenney moved that the further consideration of the bill be made the special order for Tuesday forenoon, March 27th;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Nelson moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate joint resolution No. 7, entitled

Joint resolution providing for the payment of the balance due on certain adjudicated claims;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Nelson moved that the further consideration of the joint resolution be made the special order for Tuesday, March 27th, at 3:30 o'clock P. M.;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Baxter moved to take from the table the following:

Senate bill No. 30, entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of land companies;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Baxter moved that rule 46, declaring that a motion to reconsider any vote must be made within two days after the taking of the same, be suspended, and to reconsider the vote by which the Senate on the 14th instant refused to pass

Senate joint resolution No. 14, entitled

Joint resolution proposing to add a section to Article IV. of the Constitution of this State, relative to the legislative department,

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the joint resolution;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The joint resolution was recommitted to the committee on constitutional amendments.

Mr. Baxter moved that rule 46, declaring that no question shall be reconsidered more than once, be suspended, and to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass

Senate bill No. 75, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to amend chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1856, being section 7435 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to salary of judges of probate.

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Waterbury called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to reconsider then prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators present voting therefor by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Footo,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,

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Mr. Breitung,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Osborn,
Burleigh,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Waterbury,

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The question being upon the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McElroy offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to divide all bills heretofore placed on the general order, into three classes; the appropriation bills in the first class; all bills for the enactment of general laws in the second class, and all local bills and bills to amend present laws in the third class, and all bills shall be considered in committee of the whole in the order in which they are herein classified: *Provided*, That this resolution shall not take effect until after the 1st day of April.

On motion of Mr. Morse,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Burch moved to take from the table the following:

Senate bill No. 124, entitled

A bill to re-organize the thirteenth, nineteenth, and twenty-first judicial circuits, and to create the twenty-third circuit;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of the whole.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 132, entitled

A bill to provide for the division of the township of Hamtramck, Wayne county, into two districts for general election purposes,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Read,
Baxter,	Footo,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
D. R. Cook,	Morse,		

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Mr. Adair,
Title agreed to.

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House bill No. 502 (printed No. 191), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Port Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Shoemaker,
Baxter,	Foots,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Perrin,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Rankin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 571, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Chesaning, in the county of Saginaw, and attach the same to the township of Brady in said county;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Read,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Foots,	Nelson,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. McElroy in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 134, entitled

A bill to authorize the construction of railways from mills and manufactories to other railroads by corporations and individuals, and to provide for the organization of corporations for the purpose,

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on railroads.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

2. Senate bill No. 148, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5249, 5375, 5431, and 5432 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 96 of the session laws of 1875, relative to courts held by justices of the peace ;

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate and ask leave to sit again.

C. McELROY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the first named bill, and the same was recommitted to the committee on railroads.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The committee of the whole were granted leave to sit again for the further consideration of the second named bill.

The committee on engrossment and enrollment submitted the following report :

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred

A bill to re-organize the 18th judicial circuit and create the 23d judicial circuit,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, JR., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called : a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 138 (printed No. 60), entitled

A bill relative to divorces,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on the judiciary :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 89, entitled

A bill to provide for the reduction of the capital stock of corporations,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on federal relations:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 9, entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a harbor at Menominee, which harbor is upon the dividing line between the States of Michigan and Wisconsin,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on federal relations:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 96 (printed No. 49), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 177, being compiler's section 5245 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "An act requiring judges of probate in certain cases to give notice to foreign consuls, of an application for administration on the estate of deceased persons," approved March 18, 1865,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WITTER J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on federal relations:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 51 (printed No. 15), entitled

Joint resolution asking Congress for an appropriation to construct a light house at the mouth of Thunder Bay river, in the county of Alpena;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on federal relations:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred

A memorial of George H. French, A. Collins, B. Faneher, and 50 others, voters of Calhoun county, asking the legislature to memorialize Congress to submit an amendment to the constitution in regard to the educational qualification of voters,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without recommendation, the Senate having already refused to submit a like amendment to the constitution of this State to the people for action, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The memorial was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 23, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to re-transmit the following bills:

House bill No. 76 (printed No. 126), entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Dowagiac, in accordance with a request of the Senate for the same.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Packard moved that the rules be suspended, and to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed the bill;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being upon the passage of the bill, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Packard, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by inserting in line 2 of section 15, after the word "officers," the following: "except vacancies in judicial offices, which shall be filled by election."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Packard, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out all of lines 1, 2, 3, and the 1st word of line 4, of section 35,

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Packard, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to further amend the bill by striking out in line 5, of section 63, after the word "Dowagiac," the words "and as," and inserting in lieu thereof "but no part of this act shall be construed to prevent the properly certified officers from changing the boundaries of this school district in accordance with the general laws of this State."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Packard, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to fur-

ther amend the bill by striking out after the word "limits," in line 3 of section 62, the words, "is hereby," and inserting in lieu thereof "heretofore and now;" also, by striking out after the word "organized," the words, "for school district;" also, by striking out the first word in line 4; also, by striking out in same line the words "to be," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "shall continue and shall be hereafter;" also, by inserting after the word "designated," the words, "for school purposes;"

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Nelson,	Read,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 23, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 177 (printed No. 109), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to regulate the manner of attaching unorganized territory to organized counties for judicial and municipal purposes," approved March 15, 1861, being compiler's section 450 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The President also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 23, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill:

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Alabaster, in Iosco county, and organize the same into a separate township to be known as the township of Burleigh,

In the passage of which the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the

members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 23, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to return to the Senate the following bill :
Senate bill No. 128, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of St. Andrew's societies.

In the passage of which, the House has concurred by a majority vote of all the members elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for enrollment.

The President also announced the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 23, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate :

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills :

1. House bill No. 218 (printed No. 103), entitled

A bill to prevent the sale of fruits and vegetables in cases, boxes, or baskets less than legal measure ;

2. House bill No. 428 (printed No. 189), entitled

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Cheboygan to audit and pay certain expenses for the superintendence and engineering services upon work now being done by the State in improving the navigation of the lakes and rivers of Cheboygan county and their tributaries ;

3. House bill No. 601 (printed No. 231), entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Lake, in the county of Benzie ;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on counties and townships.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burleigh,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. McElroy in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 148, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5249, 5375, 5431, and 5432 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 96 of the session laws of 1875, relative to courts held by justices of the peace.

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 149, entitled

A bill to authorize cities and villages to take private property for public uses;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 152, entitled

A bill to make it optional with townships to alter their system of repairing highways;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on State affairs.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. Senate bill No. 153, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of three commissioners to draft banking laws;

5. House bill No. 86 (printed No. 36), entitled

A bill to amend sections 153, 155, and 156, of act 169, session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to provide for the uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon, being compiler's sections Nos. 1119, 1121, and 1122, compiled laws of 1871;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

E. M. McELROY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The Senate concurred in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause in the first named bill, and the title and enacting clause were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the second named bill, and the same was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the third named bill, and the same was referred to the committee on State affairs.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the fourth and fifth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Baxter moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of Senate bill number 36, entitled,

A bill to amend section 5 of act number 79 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of railroads, and to define his powers, duties, and fix his compensation;"

Also,

Senate bill No. 155, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of a board of railroad commissioners, and to define their powers and duties, and fix their compensation;

Also,

Senate bill No. 156, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 79, session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of railroads, and to define his powers, duties, and fix his compensation," approved April 10, 1873;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The further consideration of the three named bills was made the special order for Wednesday forenoon, March 28th:

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Perrin moved to take from the table

House bill No. 369 (printed No. 226), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Lansing," approved March 25th, 1875;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Perrin, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "five" in line 5 section 6, Title XIII., and inserting "ten" in lieu thereof;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Read,
Baxter,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Packard,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,
The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, March 24, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 9½ o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senator Shoemaker.

Mr. Wilcox asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Shoemaker for the day, on account of sickness.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following bill to the Governor under the rules:

A bill entitled a bill to reorganize the 18th judicial circuit and create the 23d judicial circuit.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: Petition of H. P. Willis, J. C. Palmer, and 14 other citizens of Leelanaw county, praying that the rate of interest be restricted to 7 per cent; Also,

Petition of C. R. Pixley, A. R. Miller, and 21 other citizens of Ingham county, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on counties and townships:

The committee on counties and townships, to whom was referred

House bill No. 601 (printed No. 231), entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Lake, in the county of Benzie,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. H. MORSE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 89 (printed No. 34), entitled

A bill to amend section 1, of chapter 169, of the compiled laws of 1871, be-

ing compiler's section No. 4719, relative to marriage and the solemnization thereof,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with an amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered reprinted, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter 48, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1788, as amended by act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, in relation to sale of lands delinquent for township drain taxes,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on appropriations and finance and State affairs jointly:

The committees on appropriations and finance and State affairs jointly, to whom was referred

Senate joint resolution No. 12, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the appropriation of money to liquidate the indebtedness and pay the salaries of the employes of the Michigan State Centennial Board of Managers,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the appropriation of money to liquidate the indebtedness, and pay the salaries of the employes of the Michigan State Centennial Board of Managers;

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman of Committee on Appropriations and Finance.

G. E. READ,

Chairman of Committee on State Affairs.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported for the joint resolution by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The joint resolution was placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 38 (printed No. 86), entitled

A bill to amend section 69 of the charter of the city of Owosso, approved Feb. 15, 1859,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 453 (printed No. 193), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 3 of title 1, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ishpeming," approved April 10, 1873, and to amend section 6 of title 2, and section 19 of title 5 of act No. 395 of the laws of 1875, entitled "An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Ishpeming," approved May 30th, 1875;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

The rules were suspended and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Osborn,	Wilcox,
Burch,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,
Chamberlain,			

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 15 (printed No. 101), entitled

A bill to amend sections 33 and 39 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the village of Hudson," approved Feb. 27, 1867, and section 31 of said act as amended by act No. 271, approved April 15, 1871, and as further amended by act No. 304, approved April 1, 1875,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on cities and villages:

The committee on cities and villages, to whom was referred

House bill No. 192 (printed No. 96), entitled

A bill to amend sections 4, 5, 29, and 50, of act number 249, laws of 1871, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Alpena," approved March 29, 1871, and section 57 of said act number 249, as amended by section 1 of act number 263, laws of 1873, approved April 22, 1873.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. McELROY, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. McElroy,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on public lands:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for the appointment of a State trespass agent,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FITCH R. WILLIAMS, *Acting Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 173 (printed No. 109), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to regulate the manner of attaching unorganized territory to organized counties for judicial and municipal purposes," approved March 15, 1861, being compiler's section 450 of the compiled laws of 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with an amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Joint resolution for the appointment of a special commission to prepare for submission to the next Legislature amendments of the laws relating to assessment and collection of taxes, and the forms, execution, and registration of conveyances,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Osborn moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 154 (printed No. 208) entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Menominee, in the county of Menominee, to maintain a fire department in the unincorporated village of Menominee, in said township, and to appropriate certain moneys to the payment of the expenses thereof.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Dr. R. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Perrin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Foots,	Nelson,	Read,
Breitung,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Tyler,
Burleigh,	Markey,	Osborn,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,
Chamberlain,			

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Osborn,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Newcomb moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 15 (printed No. 101), entitled

A bill to amend sections 33 and 39 of an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the village of Hudson," approved February 27th, 1867, and section 32 of said act as amended by act No. 272, approved April 15th, 1871, and as further amended by act No. 304, approved April 1st, 1875;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard,	
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Rankin,	
Breitung,	Footo,	Nelson,	Read,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Osborn,	Williams,	24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Williams moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 430 (printed No. 173), entitled

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Cheboygan, in the county of Cheboygan.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard,	
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,	
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Rankin,	
Breitung,	Footo,	Nelson,	Read,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,	Osborn,	Williams,	24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Breitung moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

Senate bill No. 165, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 3 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Negaunee, in Marquette county," being act No. 240 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 11th, 1873 :

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Rankin,
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Read,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Osborn,	Williams, 24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By unanimous consent, the committee on the judiciary submitted the following report :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 428 (printed No. 189), entitled

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Cheboygan to audit and pay certain expenses for the superintendence and engineering services upon work now being done by the State in improving the navigation of the lakes and rivers of Cheboygan county and their tributaries,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Packard,
Andrus,	D. R. Cook,	Morgan,	Perrin,
Baxter,	Edsell,	Morse,	Rankin,
Breitung,	Foote,	Nelson,	Read,
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Newcomb,	Waterbury,
Burch,	Markey,	Osborn,	Williams, 24

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 153, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of three commissioners to draft banking laws,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. McElroy,	Mr. Rankin,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Morse,	Williams,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,		11

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Newcomb,	Read,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	12

House bill No. 86 (printed No. 36), entitled

A bill to amend sections 153, 155, and 156, of act 169, session laws of 1869, entitled "An act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon," being compiler's sections 1119, 1121 and 1122 of compiled laws of 1871.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon

Mr. Morse moved that the same be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

Senate joint resolution No. 12, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the appropriation of money to liquidate the indebtedness, and pay the salaries of the employes of the Michigan State Centennial Board of Managers.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Williams, a majority of all the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "authorized," in line 4, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"To audit the claims of said board, not exceeding the sum of eight thousand six hundred dollars and forty-one cents, to liquidate the indebtedness of said board of managers, and the Auditor General is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, payable out of the general fund, for the amount so audited and allowed, on the receipt of said board of managers acknowledging the payment of the same to be in full of all demands of said board against the State;"

Which was agreed to.

The joint resolution was then not passed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. D. R. Cook,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Newcomb,	Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Tyler,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Morse,	Perrin,	Williams,	20

4. Senate bill No. 163, entitled

A bill to amend section 2163, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

5. Senate bill No. 158, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 181 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5674, relating to courts, and the powers and duties of certain judicial officers;

6. House bill No. 171 (printed No. 123), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Sheridan;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The fifth and sixth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first, second, third and fourth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

By unanimous consent Mr. Williams moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass

Senate bill No. 74, entitled

A bill to provide the forms for deeds and mortgages;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The bill was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent Mr. Morse moved to take from the table the following:

House bill No. 12 (printed No. 31), entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Carrolton to aid in the purchase or building of a bridge across the Saginaw river, to be thereafter maintained as a free bridge;

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President *pro tem*.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senators Burleigh and Rankin.

Mr. Morse asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Burleigh, until the 27th.

Mr. McElroy asked and obtained leave of absence for himself, for Monday.

Mr. Osborn asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Rankin until Monday afternoon.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Andrus: Petition of Theodore I. Phelps, W. Roscoe, David Walker and 41 others, citizens of Kent county, praying for the passage of House bill No. 393, it being a bill for the protection of owners of Hambletonian stock, etc.;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Read: Petition of E. B. Brown, A. C. Lawrence and 20 other citizens of Ingham county, praying for a uniform rate of freight on railroads;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President *pro tem.* announced the following:

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment of bills, to whom was referred A concurrent resolution authorizing the Auditor General to issue his warrant to Allen R. Bours for compiling the Legislative manual,

Respectfully report the same herewith, correctly enrolled, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. JENNEY, Jr., *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President *pro tem.* announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bill:

House bill No. 451 (printed No. 137), entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of reform club temperance societies within this State;

Which has passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The President *pro tem.* also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 24, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following bills:

1. House bill No. 199 (printed No. 120), entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 168 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the custody and safe keeping of persons who are tried for murder and other high crimes, and who are acquitted by reason of insanity," approved April 25, 1873;

2. House bill No. 224 (printed No. 111), entitled

A bill to amend section 13, chapter 151, being compiler's section 4281, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to estates in dower;

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The two named bills were read a first and second time by their titles and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The Senate took up business under the

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Burch in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 166, entitled

A bill to amend section 7960 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to trials in criminal cases;

2. Senate bill No. 168, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for furnishing the new State Capitol;

3. Senate bill No. 169, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4822 and 4830 of the compiled laws, being sections 13 and 21, of chapter 172, relative to guardians and wards;

4. Senate bill No. 170, entitled

A bill to amend section 4582 of the compiled laws, being section 38 of chapter 163, relative to sales by executors;

5. Senate bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to repeal an act to establish a uniformity of text books in the public schools of Berrien county, being act No. 3765 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 19, 1873;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

6. Senate bill No. 172, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the support of the State Public School, and providing for the construction of buildings, and making other improvements to that institution,

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that its further consideration be made a special order for Thursday forenoon, March 29.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

7. Senate bill No. 175, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of State property, and to define his powers and duties, and fix his compensation,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to

report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

M. C. BURCH, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first, second, third, fourth, and fifth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the sixth named bill, and the further consideration of the same was made the special order for Thursday forenoon, March 29.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the seventh named bill by the committee, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, March 26, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 9½ o'clock A. M.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Senators D. R. Cook, Foote, Hinchman, Tyler, and Wilcox.

Mr. Read asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. D. R. Cook for the day, on account of sickness.

Mr. Markey asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Tyler until 10 o'clock.

Mr. Morgan asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Wilcox for to-day and to-morrow.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Secretary announced that he had presented the following concurrent resolution to the Governor, under the rules:

Concurrent resolution authorizing the Auditor General to issue his warrant to Allen L. Bours for compiling the Legislative manual.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: Petition of N. A. Palmer and 16 other citizens of Leelanaw county, for a law fixing uniform rates of freight on railroads;

Referred to the committee on railroads.

By the same: Petition of Wm. Clark, M. Waterhouse, and 20 other citizens of Ingham county, for the passage of a law defining a bushel of apples to be 47 pounds;

Also,

Petition of H. P. Wells and 18 other citizens of Leelanaw county, for the same object;

The petitions were referred to the committee on State affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 451 (printed No. 137), entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of reform club temperance societies within this State,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 21 (printed No. 224) entitled

A bill to further amend section 1 of chapter 64 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 2003,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committees on State House of Correction and appropriations and finance, jointly:

The committees on State House of Corrections and appropriation and finance, to whom was jointly referred

House bill No. 149 (printed No. 70), entitled

A bill to provide for the completion and furnishing of the State House of Correction at Ionia, and to make appropriations therefor,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass. And the committee would further report: The original appropriation made by the Legislature of 1873 for the erection and completion of a State House of Correction, was the sum of \$270,000.00, and that by act of the Legislature of 1875 the sum of \$150,000 of the before named sum was appropriated to commence and carry on the work of construction of said State House of Correction, in accordance with accepted plans, specifications, and estimates furnished by the commissioners duly appointed for that purpose, and by reason of a considerable amount of work being done, not in the estimates for which the foregoing appropriation was made, such as steam heating, etc., there has been expended the sum of \$166,320.29, leaving a deficit of \$14,853.38 after adding to the appropriation of \$150,000 the sum of \$1,466.91, being bal-

ance of unexpended appropriation of \$2,500, made to defray expenses of commissioners appointed to select and establish a location for said State House of Correction. Annexed hereto is a detailed statement of items for which you committee would most respectfully recommend appropriation. That is to say,

For deficit as per report of Commissioners.....	\$15,000 00
“ building two wings to cells.....	48,000 00
“ “ work-shops.....	18,000 00
“ “ barn and stable.....	1,000 00
“ “ enclosure walls to House of Correction.....	27,000 00
“ “ seating chapel and dining room.....	1,500 00
“ “ supplying water for Prison.....	7,000 00
“ “ “ gas “ “	6,000 00
“ engine and putting up same.....	1,000 00
“ ice-house, ash-house, and soap-house	1,000 00
“ fencing prison grounds.....	1,000 00
“ furnishing 312 cells @ \$9 each	2,808 00
“ building pig pen.....	200 00
“ horses, cows, and pigs.....	1,000 00
“ wagons and carts.....	500 00
“ tools.....	800 00
“ hose-cart and hose.....	850 00
“ additional heating and plumbing.....	3,000 00
“ books for library.....	600 00
“ additional wood-work, shelving, etc.....	1,000 00
“ furnishing officers' department.....	3,000 00
“ “ hospital and dining room.....	1,000 00
Total amount of appropriation	<u>\$141,258 00</u>

And ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. D. NELSON,

Chairman Committee on State House of Correction.

W. P. ANDRUS,

Chairman Committee on Appropriations and Finance.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

The bill was then ordered reprinted, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges :

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 339, (printed No. 168), entitled

A bill to compel the Detroit and Saline Plank Road Company to construct a fence protecting travelers upon said road along the River Rouge,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 84 (printed No. 252), entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Menominee to repair the existing bridge across the Menominee river,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on roads and bridges:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 249 (printed No. 169), entitled

A bill to amend section 5, of chapter 26, of the compiled laws of 1871, being the compiler's section 1256, relative to highways,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ADAIR, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 24, 1877. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

Concurrent resolution authorizing the Auditor General to issue his warrant to Allen L. Bours, for compiling the Legislative manual.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

The message was laid on the table.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Breitung moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 84 (printed No. 252), entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Menominee to repair the existing bridge across the Menominee River,

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Breitung,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Packard,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Markey,			18

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Baxter moved to take from the table the title, and enacting clause of Senate bill No. 148, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5249, 5375, 5431, and 5432 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 96 of the session laws of 1875, relative to courts held by justices of the peace;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate agreed to the action of the committee of the whole, in striking out all after the enacting clause of the bill.

Mr. Edsell called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Waterbury moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Baxter called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Waterbury,	
Andrus,	Morse,	Read,	Williams,	
Breitung,	Nelson,			10

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Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Packard,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Morgan,	Redfield,	
Chamberlain,				9

Mr. Williams moved to take from the table the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of State be instructed at the earliest practical moment after the close of the present session of the Legislature, to forward to each probate judge in the State, to the superior courts of Detroit and Grand Rapids, and to each prosecuting attorney in the State one copy of all the general acts ordered to take immediate effect; said acts to be printed and bound in pamphlet form;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The concurrent resolution was referred to the committee on State affairs.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The Senate took up business under the

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Andrus in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 176, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of chapter 55, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 1992, relative to gaming;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. Senate bill No. 177, entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of an act entitled "An act to establish a State Public School for dependent and neglected children," approved April 17, 1871, and to add one new section to said act (as amended by act number 144 of 1873, and act number 58 of 1875), to be known as section 23;

3. Senate bill No. 178, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for improvement of the grounds surrounding the new State Capitol, and furnishing the Legislative halls, the State library, and the supreme court room therein;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. Senate bill No. 181, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, and 3 of an act entitled "An act for the protection of land, and to punish the cutting and carrying away of timber therefrom," approved March 27, 1867, being compiler's sections 7612, 7613, and 7614 of the compiled laws of 1871;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

5. Senate bill No. 179, entitled

A bill to establish a Bureau of Statistics and Immigration, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to promote immigration to Michigan," approved April 3, 1869;

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in their action.

W. P. ANDRUS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The second and third named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the first named bill, and the same was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the fourth named bill, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate concurred in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause in the fifth named bill, and the title and enacting clause of the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

The Senate took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The Senate met and was called to order by the President.

Roll called: a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Senator Morse.

Mr. Breitung asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Morse for the day on account of sickness.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Joint resolution for the relief of Philander M. Barker,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

By the committee on judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 260 of the session laws of 1865, entitled "An act to organize Union school district of the city of Saginaw,"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 234 (printed 245), entitled

A bill for the relief of William Fohey, of the city of Ann Arbor, and for the discharge of a mortgage held by the State upon his property;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 26, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to transmit the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of State be and is hereby directed, when he shall have received the Manual of the Legislature for 1877, to make the following distribution thereof: To each member and elective officer of this Legislature two copies; to each appointive officer, reporter, and employé of this Legislature one copy; also one copy to each of the following officials: Governor, Private Secretary, and Messenger; Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State, Deputy, and Chief Clerk; Auditor General, Deputy, and Chief Clerk; Commissioner of State Land Office, Deputy, and Chief Clerk; State Treasurer, Deputy, and Chief Clerk; Attorney General and Clerk; Supt. Public Instruction and Deputy; State Librarian and Assistant; Insurance Commissioner, Deputy, and Clerk; Railroad Commissioner and Clerk; Swamp Land Commissioner and Clerk; State Fish Commissioners; Judges of the Supreme Court; Representatives and Senators in Congress from Michigan; each member and Secretary of Boards of Education, Agriculture, Health, and Military; Regents of University, President and Secretary; State Building Commissioners and Secretary; Commissioners and Secretary, Penal and Reformatory Institutions; Commissioners or Boards of Control of Asylums for the Insane, State Public School, State Reform School, Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, the Inspectors and Warden of the State Prison, and of State House of Correction. There shall be reserved one hundred and forty copies for distribution to the members of the Legislature and State offices of 1879; the remainder of the edition shall be placed in the hands of the State Librarian for exchange with other State libraries.

The Secretary of State shall certify to the Auditor General the amount of postage necessary to forward the copies sent by mail under above arrangement, and the Auditor General is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for said amount, and the State Treasurer is directed to pay the same out of the general fund in the State treasury.

Which has passed the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Redfield,

The concurrent resolution was laid on the table.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Burch offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Senate Rule 19 shall be so amended as to read as follows:

"The rules of the Senate shall be observed in committee of the whole so far as they may be applicable, except that the ayes and nays shall not be taken."

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The resolution was referred to the committee on rules and joint rules.

Mr. Burch offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session, in committee of the whole, no Senator shall speak more than twice upon any question pending, except the Senator who introduced the bill under consideration, and the chairman of the committee which reported upon the same; and no Senator shall be allowed to consume more than five minutes in speaking at any one time without consent.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The resolution was referred to the committee on rules and joint rules.

Mr. Baxter moved to take from the order of third reading
Senate bill No. 181, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, and 3 of an act entitled "An act for the protection of land and to punish the cutting and carrying away of timber therefrom," approved March 27, 1867, being compiler's section 7612, 7613, and 7614 of the compiled laws of 1871;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 157, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 103 of the laws of 1875, being "An act to amend section 28 of an act entitled 'An act to revise and consolidate the several acts relative to the support and maintenance of poor persons,'" approved April 5, 1869, being section 1843 of the compiled laws of 1871;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Markey,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Rankin,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,	20

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Chamberlain moved to amend the title as follows:

By adding the words, "approved April 22, 1875;"

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Senate bill No. 160, entitled

A bill to amend sections 12 and 15 of act No. 250 of the session laws of 1873, being an act to revise the charter of the city of Coldwater, being amendatory of an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Coldwater, approved Feb. 28, 1861, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, approved April 17, 1873;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Read,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,	20

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 162, entitled

A bill to amend section 104 of an act entitled an act to revise and amend an act entitled an act to revise and amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Bay City;"

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Rankin,	
Baxter,	Footo,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,	20

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 163, entitled

A bill to amend section 2163 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Rankin,	
Baxter,	Footo,	Morgan,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	Jenney,	Perrin,		15

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Osborn,	Mr. Waterbury,	
Burch,				5

Mr. Baxter moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 158, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 181 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5674, relating to courts and the powers and duties of certain judicial officers,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Burch,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	
Baxter,	Footo,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burleigh,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,	20

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 166, entitled

A bill to amend section 7960 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to trials in criminal cases,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Perrin,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Rankin,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Redfield,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Markey,			18

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Williams,			2
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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 171 (printed No. 123), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Sheridan ;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Rankin,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,	20

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 168, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for furnishing the new State Capitol ;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Rankin,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,	20

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 169, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4822 and 4830 of the compiled laws, being sections 13 and 21 of chapter 172, relative to guardians and wards,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Rankin,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,	20

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 170, entitled

A bill to amend section 4582 of the compiled laws, being section 38 of chapter 163, relative to sales by executors,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Rankin,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,	20

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to repeal an act to establish a uniformity of text books in the public schools of Berrien county, being act No. 3765 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 19, 1873;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perrin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Rankin,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Packard,	Williams,	20

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 175, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of State property, and to define his powers and duties, and fix his compensation;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Rankin,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Waterbury,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Williams,	
Burch,	Jenney,	Perrin,		19

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Mr. Morgan,

Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 177, entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of an act entitled "An act to establish a State Public School for dependent and neglected children," approved April 17th, 1871, and to add one new section to said act (as amended by act number 144 of 1873, and act No. 58 of 1875), to be known as section 23,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Markey,	Mr. Perriu,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morgan,	Rankin,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,

Mr. Breitung, Burch,	Mr. Freeman, Jenney,	Mr. Osborn, Packard,	Mr. Waterbury, Williams,	20
NAYS.				0

Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 178, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for improvement of the grounds surrounding the new State capitol, and furnishing the Legislative halls, the State library, and the Supreme Court room therein,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, Burch,	Mr. Chamberlain, Edsell, Foote, Freeman, Jenney,	Mr. Markey, Morgan, Nelson, Osborn, Packard,	Mr. Perrin, Rankin, Redfield, Waterbury, Williams,	24
NAYS.				0

Title agreed to.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Burch moved that the Secretary be directed to respectfully request the Governor to return to the Senate

Senate bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 15, 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively;

Which motion prevailed.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Edsell in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

1. Senate bill No. 182, entitled

A bill to amend section 7488, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the costs of proceedings in criminal cases;

2. Senate bill No. 185, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 360, of the session laws of 1871, being an act entitled "An act to create a fire commission in the city of Detroit," approved March 18th, 1871, by adding thereto 12 sections, to stand as sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37;

3. Senate bill No. 186, entitled

A bill to amend section 3726, of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 14 of an act for the relief of school districts;

4. Senate bill No. 122, entitled

A bill to reorganize the board of education of the city of Coldwater;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and directed their chairman to re-

port the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

5. House bill No. 144 (printed No. 68), entitled

A bill to allow accident insurance companies to do business in this State ;

6. House bill No. 143 (printed No. 67), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled "An act regulating the responsibility of the agents of insurance companies doing business in this State," approved April 12, 1871, being compiler's sections 7629 and 7630, compiled laws of 1871 ;

7. House bill No. 223 (printed No. 110), entitled

A bill to amend section 27, chapter 170, being compiler's section 4759 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the enforcement of decrees for alimony in divorce cases ;

8. House bill No. 126 (printed No. 71) entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 239, being section 7442 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of certain officers in civil cases ;

9. Senate bill No. 88, entitled

A bill in relation to voluntary assignments, and to compel assignees to give security ;

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

10. Senate bill No. 184, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the Institution for educating the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind, for the years 1877 and 1878 ;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that its further consideration be made a special order for Thursday afternoon, March 29.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

11. Senate bill No. 62, entitled

A bill to amend section 1788 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 140 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 28, 1875, relative to establishing water-courses and locating ditches or drains ;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to a special committee consisting of Senators Baxter, Perrin and Foote.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following :

12. House bill No. 97 (printed No. 58), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend section 137 of chapter 136, compiler's section 3696 of the compiled laws of 1871," an act entitled "An act relative to primary schools," as amended by act No. 167, of the session laws of 1875 ;

Have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be recommitted to the committee on education and public schools.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following joint resolution :

Senate joint resolution No. 18, entitled

Joint resolution to authorize the Agricultural Land Grant Board to confirm the sale of certain Agricultural College lands heretofore sold.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the Senate, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

W. C. EDSELL, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth named bills, were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Melson,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first, second, third, and fourth named bills, and the same were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Packard,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee in regard to the tenth named bill, and the further consideration of the same was made the special order for Thursday afternoon, March 29.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the eleventh named bill was referred to a special committee consisting of Senators Baxter, Perrin, and Foote.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The Senate concurred in the recommendation of the committee, and the twelfth named bill was referred to the committee on education and public schools.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The Senate concurred in the amendment made to the joint resolution, and the same was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, March 27, 1877.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 9½ o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Parsons.

Roll called; a quorum present.

Absent without leave, Senators Burleigh and D. R. Cook.

Mr. Chamberlain asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. D. R. Cook, indefinitely on account of sickness.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 107, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 152 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 29, 1875, and also to amend sections 10, 11, and 12, of chapter 218, being sections 6921, 6922, and 6923 of the compiled laws of 1875, relative to foreclosure by advertisement,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and recommending further that the bill be placed on the order of third reading of bills, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

The Senate concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Perrin,

The rules were suspended, and the bill placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was recommitted

House bill No. 168 (printed No. 75), entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 167, being section 4706 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the filing of chattel mortgages;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PORTER K. PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on fisheries:

The committee on fisheries, to whom was referred

House bill No. 4 (printed No. 69), entitled

A bill to repeal section 1 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the protection and preservation of fish in certain lakes in the counties of Cass and Berrien," approved April 18, 1871,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. V. TYLER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The President announced the following:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 26, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

I am directed by the Governor, in compliance with a request of the Senate, to return

Senate bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 82 of the session laws of 1873, by adding one new

section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,

Private Secretary.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The President announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, March 26, 1877. }

To the President of the Senate:

SIR,—I am instructed by the House to respectfully request the return of Senate bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend act number 82 of the session laws of 1873, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 22, providing for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages exclusively;

Very respectfully,

DANIEL L. CROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Baxter moved that the bill be returned to the House according to the request.

Which motion prevailed.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Andrus moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 450 (printed No. 143), entitled

A bill to authorize the town board of the township of Byron, in the county of Kent, to lease the upper story of the town hall of said township to Halcyon Lodge, No. 244, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Andrus moved that the rules be suspended, and the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 5 (printed No. 89), entitled,

A bill to establish a police force in the township of Grand Rapids.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Read offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session no Senator shall speak more than twice upon any question pending, except the Senator who introduced the bill under consideration, and the chairman of the committee which reported upon the same; and no Senator shall be allowed to consume more than ten minutes in speaking at any one time, without the consent of the Senate.

Mr. Burch moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on rules and joint rules.

Which motion prevailed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill 182, entitled

A bill to amend section 7488 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the costs of proceedings in criminal cases,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Foote, a majority of the Senators consenting thereto, moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word "constable" in line 8 the word "witnesses."

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,	Rankin,		23

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Mr. Adair,	Mr. Waterbury,	2
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 185, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 360 of the session laws of 1871, being an act entitled "An act to create a fire commission in the city of Detroit," approved March 18th, 1871, by adding thereto 12 sections, to stand as sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Waterbury,	
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,				25

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Adair,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 186, entitled

A bill to amend section 3726 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 14 of an act for the relief of school districts;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Read,
Baxter,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,

Mr. Breitung, Burch, Chamberlain,	Mr. Freeman, Markey, McElroy,	Mr. Osborn, Packard, Perrin,	Mr. Tyler, Waterbury, Williams,	24
NAYS.				0

The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Perrin moved to amend the title by adding thereto the following: "As amended by act 183 of session laws of 1875," approved May 1, 1875;

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Senate bill No. 122, entitled

A bill to reorganize the board of education of the city of Coldwater,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Breitung, Burch, Chamberlain, Wm. Cook, Edsell,	Mr. Foote, Freeman, Markey, McElroy, Morgan,	Mr. Morse, Nelson, Osborn, Perrin, Rankin,	Mr. Read, Redfield, Shoemaker, Tyler, Waterbury,	21
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NAYS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Williams,	2
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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 144 (printed No. 68), entitled

A bill to allow accident insurance companies to do business in this State,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair, Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, Burch, Chamberlain,	Mr. Foote, Freeman, Markey, McElroy, Morgan, Morse,	Mr. Nelson, Osborn, Packard, Perrin, Rankin,	Mr. Read, Redfield, Tyler, Waterbury, Williams,	22
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NAYS.

Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Shoemaker,	2
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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 145 (printed No. 67), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled "An act regulating the responsibility of the agents of insurance companies doing business in this State," approved April 12, 1871, being compiler's sections 7629 and 7630, compiled laws of 1871,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus, Baxter, Breitung, Burch, Chamberlain,	Mr. Wm. Cook, Edsell, Foote, Freeman, Markey,	Mr. McElroy, Morgan, Morse, Packard, Perrin,	Mr. Rankin, Read, Redfield, Tyler, Williams,	20
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NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Waterbury,	3
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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 223 (printed No. 110), entitled

A bill to amend section 27, chapter 170, being compiler's section 4759, of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the enforcement of decrees for alimony in divorce cases;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Read,	
Andrus,	Edsell,	Morse,	Redfield,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Burch,	Markey,	Perrin,	Williams,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Rankin,		23

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 126 (printed No. 71), entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 239, being section 7442 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to fees of certain officers in civil cases,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,	
Baxter,	Foote,	Morse,	Read,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Redfield,	
Burch,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,				21

NAYS.

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Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Nelson,
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Title agreed to.

Senate bill No. 88, entitled

A bill in relation to voluntary assignments, and to compel assignees to give security,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the Senators elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Perrin,	
Breitung,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Rankin,	
Chamberlain,	McElroy,	Packard,	Williams,	
Wm. Cook,	Morgan,			14

NAYS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Foote,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Tyler,	
Andrus,	Markey,	Redfield,	Waterbury,	
Burch,	Morse,			10

Mr. Freeman moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Baxter,

The bill was laid on the table.

Senate joint resolution No. 18, entitled

Joint resolution to authorize the Agricultural Land Grant Board to confirm the sale of certain Agricultural College lands heretofore sold,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Waterbury,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,	Rankin,	Williams,
Wm. Cook,			

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NAYS.

Title and preamble agreed to.

Senate bill No. 107, entitled

A bill to amend act number 152 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 29, 1875, and also to amend sections 10, 11, and 12 of chapter 218, being sections 6921, 6922, 6923 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to foreclosure by advertisement,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Rankin,
Andrus,	Foote,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Freeman,	Osborn,	Tyler,
Breitung,	Markey,	Packard,	Waterbury,
Burch,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,		

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 450 (printed No. 143), entitled

A bill to authorize the town board of the township of Byron, in the county of Kent, to lease the upper story of the town hall of said township to Halcyon Lodge, No. 244, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Adair,	Mr. Wm. Cook,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Read,
Andrus,	Edsell,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Baxter,	Foote,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Packard,	Tyler,
Burch,	Markey,	Rankin,	Williams,
Chamberlain,	Morgan,		

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NAYS.

Mr. McElroy.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 5 (printed No. 89), entitled

A bill to establish a police force in the township of Grand Rapids;

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the Senators elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrus,	Mr. Edsell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rankin,
Baxter,	Footte,	Morse,	Read,
Breitung,	Freeman,	Nelson,	Redfield,
Burch,	Jenney,	Osborn,	Shoemaker,
Chamberlain,	Markey,	Packard,	Tyler,
Wm. Cook,	McElroy,	Perrin,	Williams,

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NAYS.

Mr. Adair, Mr. Waterbury,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Andrus,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By unanimous consent Mr. Breitung moved that

House bill No. 84 (printed No. 252), entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Menominee to repair the existing bridge across the Menominee river,

Which passed the Senate yesterday, be ordered to take immediate effect;

Which motion prevailed, two thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Morgan moved that

Senate bill No. 160, entitled

A bill to amend sections 12 and 15 of act No. 250 of the session laws of 1873, being an act to revise the charter of the city of Coldwater, being amendatory of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Coldwater," approved February 28, 1861, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, approved April 17, 1873;

Also,

Senate bill No. 178, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for improvement of the grounds surrounding the new State Capitol, and furnishing the legislative halls, the State Library, and the Supreme Court room therein;

Also,

Senate bill No. 168, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for furnishing the new State Capitol;

Which passed the Senate yesterday, be ordered to take immediate effect;

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Chamberlain moved that

Senate bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to repeal an act to establish a uniformity of text-books in the public schools of Berrien county, being act No. 375 of the session laws of 1873, approved April 19, 1873;

Also,

Senate bill No. 117, entitled

A bill to provide for the collection of damages sustained by reason of defective bridges, culverts, sidewalks, or crosswalks upon the public streets of incorporated cities and villages,

Which passed the Senate yesterday, be ordered to take immediate effect;

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Freeman moved that

House bill No. 171 (printed No. 123), entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Sheridan,

Which passed the Senate yesterday, be ordered to take immediate effect,

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Jenney moved that

Senate bill No. 158, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 181, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 5674, relating to courts, and the powers and duties of certain judicial officers,

Which passed the Senate yesterday, be ordered to take immediate effect.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Being the consideration of Senate bill No. 183, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the support of the State Agricultural College, to pay the expenses of the State Board of Agriculture, to erect a new hall, and for repairs and other improvements at the State Agricultural College.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The Senate went into committee of the whole on the special order for the consideration of the above named bill,

Mr. Rankin in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and, through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following bills:

Senate bill No. 183, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the support of the State Agricultural College, to pay the expenses of the State Board of Agriculture, to erect a new hall, and for repairs and other improvements at the State Agricultural College;

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the Senate, and ask leave to sit again.

F. H. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

Leave was granted the committee to sit again for the further consideration of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

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Also,

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A bill to provide for the collection of damages sustained by reason of defective bridges, culverts, sidewalks, or crosswalks upon the public streets of incorporated cities and villages,

Which passed the Senate yesterday, be ordered to take immediate effect;

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Freeman moved that

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By unanimous consent, Mr. Jenney moved that

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Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the Senators elect voting therefor.

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On motion of Mr. Burch,

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F. H. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edsell,

Leave was granted the committee to sit again for the further consideration of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The Senate took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.



